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George by the Grace of God of Great Brittain,
France and Ireland, King Defender of the faith
To All People to whom these Presents shall come
Greeting:

Know ye That We of our Especial Knowledge and
more motion for the due encouragement of settling
a new Plantation by and with the advice and
consent of our council have given and granted
and by these Presents as far as in Us lies Do give
and grant unto sundry Our beloved subjects whose
names are enrolled in a schedule hereunto annex-
ed in the Proportion and after the manner here-
in mentioned all that tract of land lying and
being between the River of Salmon falls and the
northeasterly side line of Barrington being bound-
ed at the southeast end by Dover head line, and
to run northwesterly into the country and south-
westerly upon Barrington head line according to
the direction of a committee which shall be ap-
pointed by the Proprietors to lay out the same not
extending the quantity of ten miles square together
with all the waters, rivers, rivulets and appurtenan-
ces within and belonging to the same and that
It be a Town incorporate by the name of Rochester:
To have and To hold the said land with all its
appurtenances, Emoluments and Privileges unto
the said Grantees in the Proportion and the man-
ner mentioned in the annexed Schedule (which
is part of this Charter) and to their heirs and as-
signs forever upon the following Conditions.

1st That the Proprietors of every Share (except Parson-

age School and first minister, Build a dwelling house within three years and settle a family therein and break up three acres of ground and Plant or sow the same within four years and pay his or their Proportion of the town charges when and so often as occasion shall require the same.

2^d That a meeting-house be built for the Publick worship of God within the said term of four years. And if any Proprietors shall make default in complying with the conditions of this Charter on his part such Delinquent shall forfeit his Share to the other Proprietors which shall be Disposed of by a major vote at the then next Proprietors meeting. But in case of an Indian war within the four years then the sd Grantees shall have the same space of four years for performance of the above conditions after such impediment of settling is removed Rendering and Paying for the same to Us Our heirs and successors the annual quit-rent of one pound of turpentine in the said Town if lawfully demanded on the first day of July yearly and every year forever. Reserving unto Us Our heirs and successors all Mast trees growing on the said tract of land according to the Act of Parliament in that behalf made and Provided and for the better order, rule and government of the said Town of Rochester We Do By These Presents for Our selves Our heirs and successors grant unto the sd Grantees to appoint and hold Town and Proprietors meetings from time to time as occasion requires and to chuse all officers that are

proper for the management of Town and Proprietors affairs with all the Powers, Privileges and Authorities which any other Town within this Province hath enjoyed, doth enjoy, or ought to enjoy according to the laws, customs and usages thereof. In Testimony whereof we have caused the seal of our sd Province to be hereunto affixed. Witness, Samuel Shute Esqr; Our Captain, General, and Governor in Chief in and over our said Province at Portsmouth: The tenth of May in eighth year of Our Reign Anno Domini 1722

Samuel Shute

By order of His Excellency
The Governor with the advice
of the Council, Richard Waldron Cler: Cor. —
Very Copy as on Rochester Proprietors Book & Record.
Attest, Paul Gerrish Proprietors Clerk
Recorded by Jon^a Dam, Town Clerk, 1750

A Schedule of the names of the Proprietors of the Town of Rochester with their respective proportions ascertained being part of the Charter.

First Whole Share Proprietors:

Col ^d Richard Waldron	{Whole Share}	130
Col ^d Benjamin Wentworth	Do	69
Col ^d James Davis	Do	10
Col ^d Samuel Tebbetts	Do	33
Col ^d Joseph Roberts	Do	132
Col ^d Tim ^s Gerrish	Do	88
Col ^d Paul Gerrish	Do	125

L ^t Tristram Hurd {Whole share}	40
L ^{ap} Thomas Tebbets	Do 64
L ^t John Ham	Do 52
L ^{ap} Paul Kentworth	Do 61
Ens ^m John Waldron	Do 106
Benj ^a Kentworth	Do 19
Ephraim Kentworth	Do 36
Gershom Kentworth Jr.	Do 96
L ^{ap} Stephen Jones	Do 24
L ^t Joseph Jones	Do 76
L ^{ap} Francis Watkes	Do 32
Sher. Benj ^a Gambling	Do 135
L ^{ap} John Knight	Do 86
Ens. Israel Hodgdon	Do 60
Dea ^m Gersh ^m Kentworth	Do 46
Thomas Young	Do 53
John Bussey	Do 7
Ebenezer Varney	Do 35
Eli Demerit	Do 1
L ^t John Smith	Do 118
L ^t John Woodman	Do 87
Joseph Kent	Do 5
John Thompson	Do 66
Wm. Leathers	Do 37
Peter Varney	Do 29
Ephraim Tebbets	Do 94
L ^{ap} John Downing	Do 126
Benjamin Bickford	Do 101
Wm. Furber	Do 78
John Dam	Do 92
George Walton	Do 6

John Usher {Whole share}	95
John Vile	Do 40
James Durgin	Do 58
John Doe	Do 78
Thomas Drew of Bay	Do 68
Joseph Jenks	Do 98
James Bunker	Do 42
John Bickford	Do 15
Thomas Roberts	Do 3
Wm ^t Hughes	Do 44
Richard Waldron, Jr.	Do 105
Parsonage	Do 121
Use of Grammar School	Do 39
First Ordained Minister	Do 23

Secondly Half Share Proprietors

L ^t John Beard	} One share to be Equally divided between them	71
& Son Plummer		
John Burnham	Do	67
Robert Burnham		
Henry Tebbets	} Do	43
Ens. John Tebbets & lig		
Wick ^o Harford	} Do	56
John Kenny		

Thirdly Share Proprietors.

Thomas Hanson	} One share to be Equally divided between three	47
John Hanson		
Nath Hanson		
Tobias Hanson	} Do	22
Joseph Hanson		
Benj ^a Hanson		

John Hayes	} One share to be equally divided between three	49
Peter Hayes		
Lehabod Hayes		
Samuel Hayes	} Do	91
William Hayes		
Benj ^a Hayes		
Job Clements	} Do	97
James Clements		
John Clements		
Philip Chesley	} Do	182
Lehabod Chesley		
Jon ^a Chesley		
Lih ^a Vock	} Do	27
Thomas Vock		
Lach. Vock		
Richard Hussey	} Do	38
Job Hussey		
Joseph Rankins		
Gershom Downs	} Do	26
Thomas Downs		
Ebenezer Downs		
Samuel Downs	} Do	72
William Downs		
Benj ^a Stanton		
Nath Perkins	} Do	120
Sam ^l Perkins		
Joshua Perkins		
John Ricker	} Do	133
Ueturin Ricker		
Eph. Ricker		

Joseph Ricker	} One share to be equally divided between three	41
George Ricker		
Jeremy Rollings		
John Wingate	} Do	59
Moses Wingate		
Sam ^l Wingate		
Valentine Hill	} Do	74
John Vutter		
James Vutter		
James Vute	} Do	77
Sam ^l Vute		
Thomas Tuttle		
Daniel Horn	} Do	62
William Horn		
William Horn, Jr.		
Rich ^d Pinkham	} Do	70
Solomon Pinkham		
Amos Pinkham		
John Trickey	} Do	16
Thomas Trickey		
Hatevil Vutter		
Edward Evans	} Do	89
Joseph Evans		
Benj ^a Evans		
Ens. Hatevil Vutter	} Do	34
Henry Vutter		
Elaszer Holman		
Thomas Haighton	} Do	93
John Barter		
John Haighton (back river)		

Peter Cook	One share to be	
Thomas Harford, Senr	equally divided	14
Thomas Harford	between three	
Benj ^a Mason		
William Dami	Do	117
Capt. John Haighton		
Nath. Randle		
Saml Randle	Do	99
William Randle		
Joseph Small		
Lech ^r Small	Do	83
James Garford		
John Rickford		
Lea ^r Rickford	Do	79
Joseph Rickford		
John Sias		
James Burnham	Do	88
John Sias, Jun ^r		
Saml Edgerly		
John Edgerly, Jun ^r	Do	115
Will ^m Hornwood		
Joseph Daniels		
Joseph Daniels Jun ^r	Do	112
Jethro Rickford		
Moses Davis Jun ^r		
Thomas Wille	Do	110
Will ^m Jackson		
John Hall		
Thomas Hall	Do	45
Samuel Pearl		

Eben ^r Tuttle	One share to be	
Will ^m Twombly	equally divided	9
James Guphey	between three	
Saml Alley		
Benj ^a Forst	Do	21
Will ^m Forst		
Samuel Hurd		
James Hurd	Do	109
David Watson		
James Hobbs		134
Joseph Ham	Do	
John Pearl		
Eben ^r Garbin		
Jabez Garbin	Do	20
Tho ^s Wallingford		
Saml Wille		
John Norway	Do	73
Edu ^d Whitehouse		
Will ^m Blackstone		
Richard Hammock	Do	75
James Hanson		
Tim ^s Robinson		
Saml Borson	Do	17
John Rawlins		
John Drew		
John Cook	Do	30
Benj ^a Pender		
Joseph Stevenson		
John York	Do	63
John Ambler		

Anna Regni Regis Georgii Secundi Decimo
An Act for the better support of the Gospel Ministry
In the Town of Rochester.

Whereas y^e Inhabitants of y^e Town of Rochester in
this Province have Petitioned this Court, setting
forth that they being Sixty Families were with-
out a Settled Ministry in y^e Town & in such low
circumstances that they were unable to sup-
port the same, That they were not invested with
sufficient authority to choose Town Officers and
do other acts necessary to y^e civil order of y^e Town.

Wherefore they Prayed that a Committee might
be appointed by this Court to call a Meeting of
y^e Inhabitants of y^e sd Town that they might
make choice of Proper Persons for Town Officers
& other things Proper for sd Meeting And that
a tax might be laid on y^e non-resident Pro-
prietors of y^e Land in y^e sd Town toward y^e
support of y^e Gospel Ministry there.

Be it therefore Enacted by His Excellency y^e
Governor, Council & House of Representatives
in General Assembly convened & by y^e Authori-
ty of y^e Same that Paul Wentworth, Esq^r & Capt.
Thos Willet both of Dover in sd Province & Ste-
phen Berry of sd Rochester be a Committee for
y^e end aforesd. And that they shall have by
virtue thereof full Power & authority to Call y^e
Inhabitants of y^e sd Town of Rochester (legally
Qualified to Vote in Town affairs) together to
make choice of Town Officers for this Present
year and to Transact any other matter or thing

proper to be done at a General Town Meeting
& that y^e officers so chosen shall have y^e same
Power & legal Authority which Town Officers
have in any other Town in this Province &
any other matters which shall be legally Trans-
acted at y^e sd meeting shall be held good & valid
in Law and to all intents and purposes as ef-
fectual as if y^e sd meeting had been called ac-
cording to y^e Common & ordinary way.

And be it further Enacted by y^e Authority aforesd
that y^e said Committee be & hereby are Impower-
ed & ordered to Call y^e sd Meeting sometime such
as they shall think Proper before y^e thirtieth
day of April, Anno Domini 1737 giving Due
notice of y^e day they shall appoint some con-
venient Time beforehand to y^e sd Inhabitants.

And be it further Enacted by the Authority
aforesd that every whole Right or full share of
Land in y^e sd Town of Rochester shall be sub-
jected to pay for & towards y^e support of an Or-
thodox Minister of y^e Gospel in y^e sd Town the
Sum of fifteen shillings per annum from
this time until y^e year of our Lord one thou-
sand seven hundred & forty two inclusively
& in y^e same Proportion for a greater or lesser
quantity of Land there & y^e Selectmen of y^e sd
Town of Rochester for y^e time being shall be &
they are Authorized and Impowered to
levy and rate y^e Proprietors of y^e sd Rights respect-
ively according to y^e Proportion aforesd during
y^e sd Term and to Commit y^e List of such of such

rates to ye Constable of ye sd Town for ye time
Being with the Ministers Rate on ye Inhabitants
& ye Constable or Constables of ye said Town for
ye time Being shall be and hereby are Im-
powered to collect ye sd Money from ye sd Proprietors
and in case of non-payment in season yearly
to levy ye same by Distress & Sale of such Delin-
quent Proprietors Goods & Chattles as in case of
Town Inhabitants a Constable is by Law Im-
powered to do.

And if any Proprietor of lands shall not
happen to be an Inhabitant of this Province
ye Constable aforesd shall be & hereby is Im-
powered to levy ye aforesd sum yearly on ye land
of such Proprietor And Distrain ye Timber or
or any other thing thereon standing & being be-
longing to such Proprietor & Dispose of ye same
for that Purpose, observing ye laws already in
force concerning Constables Distraining Goods
For Rates.

April 1, 1737. Read three times in ye House of
Representatives & Passed to be Enacted
Eodem Die Read three And Mr Wiggins, Speaker
times in Council and voted a concurrence

Rich^d Waldron, Secretary
Assent to ye Enacting this Bill

L. Belcher
Copy Rich^d Waldron, Secretary

Pursuant to an act made & passed by ye Great
& General Court or Assembly of ye Province of New
Hampshire Intituled An Act for ye Better Support
of ye Gospel Ministry in ye Town of Rochester.

Dated April 1, 1737 in ye tenth year of his Majestys
Reign in which act we the subscribers are Im-
powered & ordered to Call ye Inhabitants of sd
Town of Rochester as are legally qualified to vote
in Town Affairs Together in Town Meeting.

This is Therefore to notify ye Freeholders & other
Inhabitants of ye Town of Rochester that are
qualified according to Law to Vote in Publick
Town Meeting that there is pursuant to ye above
mentioned act a Publick Town Meeting to be
holden at ye Meeting House in Rochester on
Tuesday ye twenty sixth day of this Instant
April at ten of ye clock in ye forenoon then &
there to choose all Town Officers for ye ensuing
year as ye Law Directs & to transact & do any other
matter or thing proper to be done at a general
Town Meeting.

All Persons Concerned are Hereby Desired to give
their attendance at time & place.

Given Under our Hands this ninth day of April
1737

Paul Wentworth } Committee
Stephen Berry }

At a legal Town meeting holden in Rochester
April 26-1737

- 1 Timothy Roberts chosen Moderator of sd meeting
- 2 Amos Main chosen Town Clerk for y^e ensuing year
Timothy Roberts)
- 3 Stephen Berry } chosen Selectmen for
Jno Bickford } y^e year ensuing.
- 4 John Jenness, Samuel Twombly & John Allen
were chosen Commissioners to Examine y^e Select-
mens accounts for y^e year ensuing.
- 5 John Macfee was chosen Constable for y^e Town
of Rochester for y^e year ensuing.
- 6 Voted that John Macfee have five Pounds in
money paid him by this Town for his serving
as Constable when his year is expired.
- 7 John Allen chosen Tithing man for y^e year
ensuing.
- 8 John Layton chosen Surveyor of y^e Highway
on that Road & for that side of y^e Town where he lives.
- 9 Solomon Clarke chosen Surveyor of y^e Highway
on that side of y^e Town.
- 10 Eleazer Ham chosen Surveyor of y^e Highway on
that side of y^e Town.
- 11 Voted that a pound be built at y^e Expense of y^e
Town near to Benjamin Foss's House.
- 12 Benjamin Foss chosen Pound keeper for y^e year
ensuing.
- 13 Voted that Mr Timothy Roberts, Mr Stephen
Berry and Mr Jno Bickford be a Committee to agree
with Mr Amos Main in y^e Town's behalf about what
he must have for his supplying y^e Desk from

y^e first of this Instant April until this time &
also to agree with Him to supply y^e Desk from
this time until we have another Town Meeting
at y^e Town lost.

This is to notifie y^e Freeholders & other Inhabi-
tants of y^e Town of Rochester that are qualified
according to Law to vote in Publick Town Meetings
that there is according to y^e Petition of a sufficient
Number of y^e Inhabitants of y^e Town of Rochester
Directed to us y^e Subscribers a Publick Town Meeting
to be holden at y^e Meeting House in Rochester on
Monday y^e ninth day of May next ensuing y^e
date hereof at ten of y^e clock in y^e forenoon then
& there to give y^e Rev Amos Main a call to settle
in y^e Gospel Ministry in this Town & to transact
& do any thing proper to be done relating to his
salary & settlement in sd Rochester.

All Persons concerned are Herby Desired to give
y^e attendance at time & Place.

Given Under our Hands this twenty ninth day
of April, Anno Domini 1737

Timothy Roberts)
Stephen Berry } Selectmen
John Bickford }

At a legal Town Meeting Holden in Rochester
May y^e ninth day 1737.

- 1 Timothy Roberts was chosen Moderator of sd Meeting
- 2 Voted that Mr Amos Main be y^e settled Minister of this Town.
- 3 Voted that a Committee be chosen to receive Mr Amos Main's Answer to the call now given Him & to agree with Him for his Annual Salary & Settlement.
- 4 Voted that a Committee of five men be a Committee as aforesd.
- 5 Voted that Benjamin Forst, John Bickford, John Fenness, Benjamin Hayes, & Timothy Roberts be a Committee to Receive Mr Amos Main's Answer to y^e call given Him to settle in y^e Ministry in this Place & to agree with y^e aforesd Mr Main for his Annual Salary & Settlement.
- 6 Voted that sd Committee Enter Mr Main's Answer & their agreement with Him for his Annual Salary & Settlement upon y^e Town Book.
- 7 Voted also that the Committee aforesd be a Committee to send out to a Number of Ministers & Churches for Mr Main's Ordination in this Town if He gives his Answer to settle in y^e Town.
- 8 Voted that Benja^m Forst be a Tything man for y^e year Ensuing.
- 9 Granted by a Town Vote to Mr Amos Main, his Heirs & Assigns y^e Priviledge of a Pew on y^e Right Side of y^e Pulpit, He to build it at his own Proper Cost & Charge.

10 Voted to Mr Amos Main y^e Priviledge of y^e Improvement of y^e Common land lying between his & Isaac Russel's fence as it now stands so far as y^e Common way which now goes to Squonomegonack Hill during y^e space of seven years.

At a Meeting of y^e Committee Chosen by y^e Town of Rochester at a legal Town Meeting Holden in sd Town May ninth 1737. to Receive Mr Amos Main's Answer to y^e call given him at y^e Town Meeting aforesd & also to agree with him for his Annual Salary & Settlement in sd Town During y^e Time of his Ministry there; accordingly it was agreed upon by y^e sd Committee in y^e behalf of y^e Town.

1 That y^e Town of Rochester pay to Mr Amos Main the Sum of 135 pounds in Current Passable Bill of Credit (or a part thereof in what sd Minister shall have occasion of at Money Price) as his Annual Salary from y^e first day April last past & so on During his Ministry in sd Town.

2 That y^e Town of Rochester build and set up a good house frame of two story high & forty foot long & twenty foot wide where Mr Main would have it set up in sd Town And at what time He shall call upon y^e Town to do it for Him.

Mr Amos Main accepted of y^e Call which y^e Town of Rochester gave Him to settle in y^e y^eshel Ministry in sd Town Relying upon y^e Town for a comfortable Support or Subsistance in sd Town.

As Witness Our Hands

John Bickford
Benjamin Fort
Timothy Roberts
John Finness
Benjamin Hayes

Committee for
ye Town of Rochester

Dated in Rochester May 16, 1737.

This is to Notify the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of ye Town of Rochester that are qualified according to Law to vote in Publick Town Meetings - That there is a Publick Town Meeting to be holden in the Meeting House in Rochester on Monday ye seventeenth day of this Instant October at one of ye clock in ye afternoon then & there to consider & vote what sum or sums of money this Town will Raise to defray ye charges of ye Town for ye Present year with ye Ministers Salary & you are also Desired to bring in to the Selectmen an account of your Rateable Estates, Real & Personal, & what propriety lands you own in ye Town.

And all Persons concerned are Desired to give their attendance at time & Place. Given Under our Hands this eighth day of October, Anno Domini, 1737.

Stephen Berry
John Bickford
Timothy Roberts

Selectmen

At a legal Town Meeting holden in Rochester
October 17, 1737.

- 1 Timothy Roberts was chosen Moderator of sd Meeting.
- 2 Voted that a Town Book be provided by ye Selectmen of this Town at ye Town's cost to Enter ye Town Votes in.

This is to notify ye Freeholders & other Inhabitants of ye Town of Rochester that are qualified according to Law to Vote in Publick Town Meetings - That there is a Publick Town Meeting to be holden at ye Meeting House in Rochester on Tuesday ye twenty eighth day of this Instant March at ten of ye clock in ye forenoon then & there to choose all Town Officers for ye year ensuing as ye Law Directs & to see if this Town will lay out ye Ten Rod Road that runs from Salmon Falls River to Barrington line across ye first Division lots & also to build a bridge over Loches River in sd Road at ye Town's cost & to see whether ye Town will choose a Committee to stand trial in Law with those of ye Proprietors who Refuse to pay their Respective Sums of Money which by the Act of ye General Court of this Province was laid upon them; and also to see what Sum or Sums of money this Town will Raise to Defray ye Charges of ye Town for ye year ensuing.

All Persons concerned are Hereby Desired to give their attendance at Time & Place. Given Under our Hands in Rochester, March 19, 1737/8

Timothy Roberts
Stephen Berry
John Bickford

Selectmen

At a legal Town Meeting Holden in Rochester
March y^e 28, 1737/8

- 1 James Plaine was chosen Moderator for sd Meeting
- 2 John Rickford chosen Town Clerk for y^e year ensuing
- John Fenness
- 3 Benjamin Hayes } chosen ~~selectmen~~ for y^e year ensuing.
- John Allen }
- 4 Benjamin Fort } chosen Assessors for y^e year ensuing.
- Samuel Twombly }
- Paul Tibbets } chosen Commissioners to Exam-
- 5 Edward Tibbets } ine y^e Selectmen's Accounts for
- Richard Wentworth } y^e year ensuing
- Benjamin Fort }
- 6 John Allen } chosen Tything men for y^e year
- Joseph Walker } ensuing
- Robert Knight }
- 7 Joseph Tibbets } chosen Surveyors for y^e Town of Roches-
- John Rickford Jr } ter for y^e year ensuing.
- 8 Eleazar Ham chosen Constable for y^e Town of Rochester for y^e year ensuing.
- 9 Voted that y^e Constable of y^e Town of Rochester for y^e year ensuing have five Pounds in money Paid to Him by this Town for his serving as Constable when his year is Expired.
- 10 Voted that there be one hundred & fifty Pounds in money Raised in this Town together with what y^e Proprietors pay towards y^e Support of y^e Ministry in sd Town for y^e year ensuing.
- 11 Voted that John Fenness, Benjamin Hayes & John Allen be a Committee to Run out y^e Ten Rod Road from Salmon Falls River to Barrington Line

thro y^e first Division Lots in Rochester
Rochester, March 19, 1737/8 Then laid out a three Rod Road on y^e easterly side of Jno Haytons House Division Lot in sd Town & in consideration thereof we have to y^e best of our power given y^e sd John Hayton a four rod road on y^e westerly side of sd Lot sd Road containing eight score rods in length laid out by us

John Allen }
Benjamin Hayes } Selectmen for y^e
John Fenness } Present year.

Respected by me, Jno Rickford, Town Clerk.

This is to notify y^e freeholders & inhabitants of y^e Town of Rochester that we y^e subscribers have appointed y^e fifth day of June next ensuing y^e - at hour of - for a Publick Town Meeting for y^e accepting a Constable in y^e behalf of Eleazar Ham & to hear y^e offers of John Hayton for y^e exchanging y^e highway on y^e west side of his land & to make choice of such Officers as are wanting that may then & there be thought necessary for y^e service of y^e Town. All Persons concerned are Desired to give their attendance at the Meeting House on y^e aforesaid day at one of y^e clock in y^e afternoon. Given Under our Hands May y^e 29 1738

P.S. If y^e above said (John Allen)
Eleazar Ham should fail John Fenness } Selectmen
to offer a man for y^e service (Benjamin Hayes)
they to act for some other
to serve as Constable

At a Legal Town Meeting holden in Rochester
June 5th 1738 James Place was chosen
Moderator of sd Meeting.

- 2 Voted James Place chosen to serve as Constable
in y^e behalf of Eleazar Ham for y^e year Ensuing
- 3 Voted John Jenness Benjamin Hayes John
Bickford be a Committee for to agree with John
Hayton for y^e exchanging a four rod road in
behalf of y^e Town
- 4 James Rodgers } Chosen Surveyors of y^e highways
Solomon Clarke } for y^e year Ensuing
- 5 y^e Meeting is Adjourned to y^e tenth day of y^e sd
month at twelve of y^e clock at noon.

This is to notify y^e Freeholders & other Inhabitants
of y^e Town of Rochester that are qualified according
to Law to vote in Publick Town Meetings that there
is a Publick Town Meeting to be holden at y^e Meeting
House in Rochester on Tuesday y^e 20th day of this
Instant month at ten of y^e clock in y^e forenoon
then & there to choose all Town Officers for y^e En-
suing year as y^e Law directs & to consider & vote
what Sum or Sums of money this Town will Raise
for y^e Ensuing year & also to see if y^e Town of Roch-
ester will give to Mr John Downing of this Town
a Privilege for to build a grist-mill betwixt
Squamamegonack-Saw mills & all Persons
concerned are Hereby Desired to give their attend-
ance at times & Place Given Under our Hands this
ninth day of March Anno Domini 1738/9
John Jenness Benj^a Hayes John Allen, Selectmen

At a Legal Town Meeting holden in Rochester
March 20, 1738/9

- 1 Mr John Jenness was chosen Moderator of sd Meeting
- 2 John Bickford chosen Town Clerk for y^e year Ensuing
John Jenness
- 3 John Bickford } Chosen Selectmen for y^e year Ensuing
Paul Tibbets
- 4 John Macfee } Chosen Assessors for y^e year Ensuing
John Allen
Stephen Berry
- 5 Edward Tibbets } Chosen Commissioners for y^e year En-
James Rogers } suing to examine y^e Selectmens Accounts
William Weymouth
- 6 Joseph Richards Jr. } Chosen Surveyors of y^e Highways
Jonathan Young } for y^e year Ensuing
Joseph Richards
- 7 Benjamin Forst } Chosen Tythingmen for y^e year
John Allen } Ensuing
Ebenezer Brewster
- 8 William Jenness } Chosen Field Drivers for y^e year
Joseph Tibbets } Ensuing
- 9 William Chamberlain chosen Constable for y^e year
Ensuing
- 10 Voted that y^e Town of Rochester Raise 145 pounds
in money for y^e year Ensuing.

This is to Notify ye Freeholders & other Inhabitants of ye Town of Rochester that are qualified according to Law to vote in Publick Town Meetings that there is a Publick Town Meeting to be holden at ye Meeting House in Rochester on Monday ye twenty eighth day of this Instant May at one of ye clock in ye afternoon then & there to choose some suitable ^{person} to serve Constable for ye Present year & to choose any other Officer that may be wanting & all Persons concerned are hereby Desired to give their attendance at time & Place. Given Under our Hands this eighteenth day of May Anno Domini 1739.

John Bickford
John Fenness } Selectmen
Paul Tebbets

At a legal Town Meeting holden in ye Meeting House in Rochester on Monday ye 28th day of May 1739
1 Mr Edward Tebbets chosen Moderator of sd meeting
2 John Allen chosen Constable for ye Present year for ye Town of Rochester

3 Voted that John Allen have ten pounds paid for his serving Constable by this Town when his year is expired for his serving Constable for the Town

4 Jonathan Lopp chosen Assessor for ye year Ensuing.

5 Mark Fenness chosen a Tything man for ye year Ensuing.

This is to Notify ye Freeholders & other Inhabitants of ye Town of Rochester that are qualified according to Law to vote in Publick Town Meetings That there is a Publick Town Meeting to be holden at ye Meeting House in Rochester on Tuesday ye twenty fifth day of this Instant March at ten of ye clock in ye forenoon then & there to choose all Town Officers for ye year Ensuing as ye Law Directs & also to consider & vote what Sum or Sums this Town will Raise to Defray ye Charges of ye Town for ye year Ensuing All Persons concerned are hereby Desired to give their attendance at Time & Place. Given Under our Hands in Rochester March 15, 1739/40

John Fenness
Paul Tebbets } Selectmen
John Bickford

At a legal Town Meeting holden at ye Meeting House in Rochester on Tuesday ye twenty fifth day of March 1739/40

1 Timothy Roberts chosen Moderator of sd Meeting
2 John Bickford chosen Town Clerk for ye year Ensuing.

Edward Tebbets
3 Timothy Roberts } chosen Selectmen for ye year
James Plaice } Ensuing.
Paul Tebbets
Rich^d Wentworth

4 Samuel Twombly } chosen Assessors for ye year Ensuing.
John Fenness

- James Rogers } Chosen Commissioners for y^e year
 5 Joseph Walker } Ensuing.
 Joseph Richard }
 Jonathan Young }
 6 William Tymon } Chosen Surveyors of y^e High-
 John Garland } ways for y^e Town of Rochester for
 John Hayton } y^e year Ensuing.
 Ebenezer Brewster }
 7 William Jenness } Chosen Field Drivers for y^e
 Joseph Tibbets } year Ensuing.
 Benja Hayes }
 8 Jonathan Lophs } Chosen Tything men for y^e year
 Ebenezer Plaine } Ensuing.
 9 Lebulan Sam } Chosen Constable for y^e year Ensuing
 10 Voted that y^e Constable for y^e year Ensuing have
 ten pounds in Money paid him for his serv-
 ing as Constable by this Town when he has
 made up his Rate List

At a Legal Town Meeting holden in y^e Meeting
 House in Rochester on Monday y^e 30th day of
 March 1741

- 1 Timothy Roberts Chosen Moderator of sd Meeting
 2 John Bickford Chosen Town Clerk for y^e year Ensuing
 Timothy Roberts)
 3 Edward Tibbets } Chosen Selectmen for y^e year Ensuing
 John Jenness }
 Paul Tibbets }
 4 Benjamin Hayes } Chosen Assessors for y^e year Ensuing.

- Stephen Berry }
 5 James Rogers } Chosen Commissioners for y^e
 Mark Jenness } year Ensuing
 William Jenness }
 6 John Wentworth } Chosen Tything men for y^e year
 Harvey Alard } Ensuing
 Isaac Bussy }
 7 Jonathan Young } Chosen Surveyors of Highways for
 Solomon Clarke } y^e year Ensuing
 8 Jonathan Lophs } Chosen Field Drivers for y^e year
 Thomas Perkins } Ensuing
 9 Isaac Bussy Chosen Pound Keeper for y^e year Ensuing
 10 Robert Knight, Jr. Chosen Constable for y^e year Ensuing
 ing and to have ten pounds at his making
 up of his Rate list.
 11 Voted that 155 pounds be Raised with the Pro-
 prietors money in this Town to defray y^e Char-
 ges of said Town.

At a Legal Town Meeting holden in y^e Meeting
 House in Rochester on Monday the eleventh day
 of May 1741.

Timothy Roberts Chosen Moderator of said Meeting
 The Meeting was opened & adjourned to Monday
 y^e eighteenth day of y^e same month & then pro-
 ceeded in and Isaac Bussy Chosen Constable for
 y^e present year

At a legal Town Meeting holden at y^e Meeting House in Rochester on Tuesday y^e twenty third day of March 1742.

1 Timothy Roberts chosen Moderator of sd Meeting
2 John Richard chosen Town Clerk for y^e year Ensuing

Timothy Roberts
3 William Chamberlain } chosen Selectmen for y^e
John Downing } year Ensuing

4 John Wadlee } chosen Assessors for y^e year
Samuel Dumbley } Ensuing

5 Stephen Berry } chosen Commissioners for y^e
James Rodgers } year Ensuing
John Fenness }

6 Benjamin Hayer } chosen Surveyors of y^e Highways
John Garlan } for y^e year Ensuing
Paul Tibbets }

Benjamin Frost } chosen Tything men for y^e year
7 Mark Fenness } Ensuing
Joseph Richards, Jr. }

8 Thomas Perkins } chosen Field Drivers for y^e year
Jonathan Young } Ensuing

9 Voted that there be one hundred & sixty pounds be raised in this Town together with y^e Proprietors money to defray the charges of said Town for y^e year Ensuing.

10 William Fenness chosen Constable for y^e year Ensuing

At a legal Meeting of y^e Inhabitants of y^e Town of Rochester in y^e Province of New Hampshire qualified by Law to vote in Town Affairs holden at Rochester aforesd on y^e 27th day of May Anns Domini 1742.

Timothy Roberts chosen Moderator of sd Meeting
Voted that Mr William Chamberlain & John Downing two of y^e Selectmen of y^e sd Town for y^e current year shall be & hereby are chosen and authorized and appointed to be agents or attorneys in behalf of y^e Inhabitants of this Town to appear, prosecute and pursue any cause or action moved or to be moved for or against y^e sd Inhabitants thro y^e whole course of y^e Law to final Judgment and Execution with full power substitution according to what was specified in y^e notification for this present Meeting
William Allens dissent against y^e Meeting

These are to Notify y^e Inhabitants & Freeholders of the Town of Rochester, qualified according to Law to vote in Town Meetings that according to y^e Petition of a sufficient number of y^e Inhabitants to call a Town Meeting.

There is a Publick Town Meeting to be holden in Rochester at y^e Meeting House on Wednesday y^e twenty ninth day of September current at three of y^e clock in y^e afternoon then & there to consider & vote whether this Town will give away y^e Priviledge which was given to y^e Town by y^e Proprietors to erect a Town Mill, to any

suitable Person or Persons that shall oblige themselves to Build & keep a sufficient Corn Mill for sd Town. All Persons concerned are Desired to give their Attendance at Time & Place.

Rochester. Sept 24, 1742

By order of y^e Selectmen, John Bickford Town Clerk.

At a legal Town Meeting holden in Rochester
Sept^r 24, 1742

Timothy Roberts chosen Moderator of sd Meeting.

Voted that y^e Privilege of y^e Stream at Squannamogonack Upper Falls in Rochester which Privilege was given & granted to y^e Inhabitants of sd Rochester by y^e Proprietors of sd Rochester Townships for Erecting a Grist Mill for y^e benefit of y^e Inhabitants Be And Hereby Is Given & Granted to Edward Tebbets & Jno Downing both of Rochester & to their Heirs & assigns forever Provided They y^e sd Edward Tebbets, Jno Downing, y^e heirs or assigns Do Erect a Grist Mill on sd Privilege & have her fit for her proper service at or upon y^e twenty fifth day of December next ensuing y^e date hereof. And also that y^e sd Edward Tebbets John Downing, their heirs & assigns keep y^e sd Grist Mill in good repair continually fit for y^e Town's service to grind their corn in forever And giving to y^e sd Town one quart of meal annually if demanded But in case of non-compliance with y^e foregoing conditions they are to forfeit all Right & Title to y^e above sd Privilege

Isaac Russel Entered his dissent against y^e sd Vote

This is to Notify the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of y^e Town of Rochester that are qualified according to Law to vote in Town Meetings That there is a Publick Town Meeting to be holden in sd Rochester at y^e Meeting House at ten of y^e clock in y^e forenoon on Tuesday y^e 29th day of this Instant March Then & there to choose all Town Officers for y^e year ensuing as y^e Law Directs, also to consider & vote what Sum or Sums of money this Town will Raise for y^e year ensuing All Persons concerned are Desired to give their attendance at Time & Place.

Given Under our Hands in Rochester this seventeenth day of March, Anno Domini 1742/3 P.L. And further to consider whether or no this Town will consider y^e Revd Mr Main as to his sufficient Support among us

Timothy Roberts
Wm Chamberlain } Selectmen
Jno Downing }

At a legal Town Meeting holden in Rochester on Tuesday y^e 29th day of March Anno Domini 1743
1 Mr John Fenness was chosen Moderator of sd Meeting
2 John Bickford chosen Town Clerk for y^e year ensuing
Joseph Tebbets }
3 John Fenness } were chosen Selectmen
John Bickford }
4 Edward Tebbets } were chosen Assessors
Rich^d Wentworth }

- 5 John Hayton } were chosen Commissioners to
 Benj^a Hayes } examine y^e Selectmen's acts.
 Benj^a Fort
 6 Isaac Miller } were chosen Tything men
 Aaron Tebbetts }
 Deac. Stephen Berry
 7 Joseph Hoagg } chosen Surveyors of Highways
 John Pearl }
 Jon^a Locke }
 8 Tho Perkins & Mark Jenness were chosen Field Drivers

9 James Rogers was chosen Constable

10 Voted that y^e Rev^d Mr Main have Raised for & paid to Him by this Town towards his salary for y^e current year 160 Pounds old Tenor Besides what y^e Non Resident proprietors are to pay towards y^e support of y^e Gospel Ministry in this Town
 March 29, 1743.

We find upon Examination of y^e Constables list for y^e year past that y^e Selectmen have Raised in y^e Province Rate 116-2-7 & in y^e Town Rate 126-15-10

Attest James Rogers }
 Stephen Berry } Commissioners

to y^e Freeholders & other Inhabitants of y^e Town of Rochester This is to signify that there is a publick Town Meeting to be Holden in y^e Meeting house in Rochester on Monday y^e 23^d day of May current At three of y^e clock in y^e afternoon Then there to make choice of a suitable Person to serve as Constable for y^e current year And to transact & do any other matter or thing which y^e Town shall think Proper to be done at sd. Meeting. All Persons concerned are hereby Desired to give their attendance at Time & Place before mentioned. Given Under our Hands in Rochester this tenth day of May Anno Domini 1743

Joseph Tebbetts }
 John Jenness } Selectmen
 John Bickford }

Pursuant to y^e foregoing Notification a legal Town Meeting was Holden in Rochester on Monday y^e 23^d of May Anno Domini, 1743 at y^e Meeting House And Mr Tim^s Roberts was chosen Moderator And Jonathan Young was chosen Constable for y^e year current for y^e Town of Rochester sd Meeting was adjourned to y^e 27th of this Instant May to four of y^e clock in y^e afternoon And then it was dissolved.

This is to Notify y^e Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Rochester that are qualified according to Law to Vote in Town Meetings That there is a Publick Town Meeting to be holden in Rochester at y^e Meeting House on Tuesday y^e twenty eighth day of this Instant February at four of y^e clock in y^e afternoon then & there to choose an agent or agents to answer in y^e behalf of y^e Inhabitants of this Town to Mr John Downing y^e third of Newington kn y^e Case wherein he hath sued y^e sd Inhabitants or to agree with sd Downing or to transact or Do any thing which y^e sd Inhabitants shall then & there think Proper to be done relating to y^e aforesd case. All Persons concerned are Desired to give their attendance. Given Under our Hands in Rochester this twenty fourth day of Feby Anno Domini 1743

Joseph Tibbets
John Rickford } Selectmen
John Jenness } of Rochester

At a Legal Town Meeting Holden at y^e Meeting House in Rochester on Tuesday the 28 of Feby 1743 Lapt Tim Roberts was chosen Moderator of sd Meeting Lapt Tim Roberts & Jon^o Young were chosen as a Committee to agree with Mr John Downing y^e 3d of Newington in y^e behalf of y^e Inhabitants of this Town.

Also voted that y^e sd Committee shall have forty shillings old Tenor paid to them by this Town for their Time if they do in y^e Town's behalf seasonably agree with sd Downing.

This is to Notify y^e Freeholders & other Inhabitants of y^e Town of Rochester that are qualified according to Law to Vote in Publick Town Meetings. That there is a Publick Town Meeting to be holden at y^e Meeting House in Rochester on Thursday y^e twenty ninth day of this Instant March at ten of y^e clock in y^e forenoon Then & there to choose all Town Officers for y^e ensuing year as y^e Law Directs & also to Consider & Vote what Sum or Sums of money shall be Raised in this Town for y^e ensuing year & to what uses they shall be appropriated & what part to y^e support of y^e Gospel Ministry in this Town. And to choose a Committee to Build an House Frame for y^e Minister of y^e Town according to the Town's agreement with Him Also to choose (if y^e Town think fit) Mr William Parker Esqr of Portsmo as a Committee man or an agent to Examine y^e accounts of y^e Former Selectmen or agents from y^e year 1737 until this Present year & where he finds any thing due from them to y^e Town to Prosecute them in y^e Law as y^e Law Requires. And also to Consider whether y^e Town will act any thing Further Relating to Mr John Downing y^e 3d of Newington as to his Suit against this Town. All Persons concerned are Desired to give their attendance at Time & Place. Given Under our Hands in Rochester this fifteenth day of March Anno Domini 1743/4

Joseph Tibbets
Jno Jenness } Selectmen of
Jno Rickford } Rochester

Pursuant to y^e foregoing Notification a legal Town Meeting was holden at Rochester at y^e Meeting House on Thursday y^e 29th day of March 1744

1 Capt Tim Roberts was chosen Moderator of sd Meeting
2 L^t William Chamberlain was chosen Town Clerk.

3 Capt Tim Roberts
Ens. Edward Tibbets
L^t William Chamberlain
Joseph Tibbets
Benjamin Forst

Were chosen selectmen of this town for y^e current year

4 John Wulfe
John Hayton

Were chosen Assessors

5 Joseph Richards Jun^r
John Pickford
John Trickey

Were chosen Commissioners to Examine y^e Selectmen's Acts

6 Richard Wentworth
Henry Allen
Alexander Hodgdon

Were chosen Tything men for y^e current year

7 Isaac Bussel
William Allen
Isaac Miller

Were chosen Surveyors of y^e Highways for y^e Present year

8 Elisha Tibbets
Thomas Perkins

Were chosen Field Drivers for y^e year ensuing

9 Voted that Capt. Tim Roberts & Ens. Edward Tibbets be a Committee to Build a House Frame at y^e Town Cost for y^e Rev. Mr. Amos Main of this Town according to y^e Town's agreement with Him when he settled in y^e Town.

10 Voted that Capt. Tim Roberts shall have y^e sum of three pounds, thirteen shillings & four pence pence old Tenor Raised for him in y^e

Town in y^e year current

11 Voted that one hundred & ninety Pounds old Tenor be Raised in this Town for y^e Present year to Defray y^e Charges of y^e Town.

2 Voted that one hundred & sixty Pounds old Tenor out of y^e aforesd sum of 190 Pounds be paid to y^e Rev. Amos Main towards his salary for y^e year current besides y^e Proprietors money which they are to pay to him towards y^e support of y^e Gospel Ministry in y^e Town.

3 Mark Fenness was chosen Constable of this Town for the Present year.

The Commissioners for y^e Town of Rochester for the year Past have Examined y^e Selectmen's accounts for y^e year 1743 & we find they have Raised in the Province List 49-4-8 old Tenor And we find they have Raised in y^e Town Rate the sum of 162-14-10 old Tenor. And we find Due to the Town Besides or more than what they have Paid out to the Towns Use the sum of 6-14-8 old Tenor in y^e whole as Attest

John Highton Commissioners
Benj^a Hayes Town of Rochester

Rochester April 10, 1742

This I May certify that John Macfee has Paid to me [£]135 upon the account of my Salary for y^e year that he was Constable in this Town as Witness my Hand Amos Main. [£]135-8-0

Rochester Feby 24, 1743

To Jonathan Young Constable of Rochester Be Pleased to pay unto y^e Rev^d Mr Amos Main of sd Rochester the Sum of One Hundred & Sixty Pounds old Tenor upon the account of his Salary for y^e Present year & his Receipt shall be your discharge for sd Sum out of your Rate List

John Fenness (Selectmen of
John Bickford) Rochester.

Received y^e contents of y^e forementioned order of Constable Jonathan Young & me Amos Main

Recorded by Jno Bickford, Town Clerk

Province of New Hampshire Feby 25, 1742. Received of Constable Wm Fenness of Rochester One Hundred Pounds, sixteen shillings on account of Rochester Province Rate in Bills of Credit of this Province & y^e Massachusetts. 100-16-0

George Jaffrey, Treasurer

Province New Hampshire. Received March 1, 1743/4 from Constable Jonathan Young Eleven Pounds six Pence in full for Rochester Province Rate

11-0-6 P^r Geo. Jaffrey, Treasurer

March 29, 1744 Recorded P^r me John Bickford, T. Clerk.

We the subscribers have examined the accounts of the Selectmen of Town of Rochester for the year Past and we find what they have raised in sd Town and the Proprietors amounts in all to One Hundred and Eighty Pounds sixteen shillings and four Pence money. As Witness our hands

Edward Tibbets } Commissioners to
Paul Tibbets } Examine the
Richard Wentworth } Selectmens Accounts

Rochester March y^e 20, 1739

Recorded By me, Wm. Chamberlain Town Clerk

Dec^r 1748

Received of John Trickey upon the account of his Rate List, three pounds, thirteen shillings old tenor it being a part of the arrearage money Due to me from this town P^r Amos Main

Rochester Aug. 20, 1748

Then Received of Mr John Trickey upon the account of his Rate List Eleven Pounds Four shillings Passable Bills of Credit old tenor it being a part of the arrearage money Due to me from y^e town of Rochester Witness my hand - Amos Main. P^r L. Discounted also twelve shillings eight pence old tenor upon y^e account of Rates at y^e same time A-M

Also Warbely Paid 3-13-0 at y^e same time.

Rochester Oct^r 13th 1745

Then Received of Mr John Trickey upon y^e account of his Rate list four pounds old tenor it being in part upon the account of the arrearage money Due to me from this town Or Amos Wain

Rochester March 20 1748/9

Then Received of the Selectmen of Rochester eight Pounds Four Shillings and ten Pence old tenor upon y^e account of the arrearage money Due to me from sd town Or me Amos Wain.

This is to Notifie the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Rochester that are qualified by Law to vote in Town Meetings that a Publick Town Meeting is to be holden at the Meeting House in Rochester on Monday the 21 day of this Instant January at ten of the clock in the forenoon for the Town to consider of some method to procure money to pay Sam^l Rollings a demand he hath upon the Town for mending the Meeting House glass window and to pay James Selley an Execution that James Place gave the said Selley against the Inhabitants of Rochester And all Persons are Desired to give their Attendance at Time & Place. Given Under our Hands this 21 day of January Anno Domini 1744/5

Wm Chamberlain

Benⁱ Forst

Tim^s Roberts

Selectmen

Pursuant to the foregoing Notification.

At a legal Town Meeting holden at the Meeting House in Rochester on Monday the 21 day of January 1744/5 Ems. Edward Tibbette was chosen Moderator of sd meeting

2 The Town Meeting was adjourned to Monday the 28th of the month at two of the clock in the afternoon & the moderator opened the meeting on 3 Monday the twenty eight of Jun^y And Mark Jenness was chosen to hire twenty two Pounds old tenor Part of which was to pay Sam^l Rollings a demand he had on the town for mending the Meeting House glass windows & the other Part to pay James Selley an execution James Place gave him against the Inhabitants of Rochester.

4 Mark Jenness was chosen to take an Inventorie of the Poles and all the Ratable Estates in this town 5 Voted he should have Forty Shillings for his Time Attest Wm Chamberlain Town Clerk.

Recd of Isaac Miller Eleven Pounds Six Pence Bills of Credit for Rochester Province Rate for the year 1746

Or George Jeffrey treas^r.

The Account of Rochester Province Rate 1749

To Paid to Constable Hodgdon for Summing town officers	1		
To Cash Paid to 2 Lawyers	4	10	
To Paid to Mr Smith for a Warrant on Hammocks account		6	
To Paid Squ Yag for Swearing of Everdames		7	
To Paid Squ Willet for a Jacket & Cloth	1	10	
To Paid for a Copey and Citation		9	
To Paid for Copies of Judgment from ye Sessions		3	
To Paid James Lock for a Pair of Shoes		13	
To a Pair of Stockens for Richard Hammock		8	
To Paid Lernal Smith for a coppy of a worant		4	
To Paid Lernal Wallingford for a coppy of a worant		2	
To Entering our Complaint		15	
To Paid ye Witnesses when Summoned		8	
To Cash Paid for a Summons		2	
To Paying ye Jury		13	
To Greeting ye Jury		5	
Cash Paid for an appeal		5	
To Cash Paid for 3 1/2 yards of cotton cloth at 5/6 a yard		19	5
To Paid ye Clerk for Copies and Summons		12	5
To Making Richard Hammock a Jacket		6	
To Making Richard Hammock a Shirt		3	
To Paid ye Clerk for Summons		5	
To Cash for the Copey of our warrants		4	
To Cash Paid ye Everdames when Summoned		18	
To Cash Paid ye Everdames when Summoned		10	
To Cash Paid for Summons		12	6
To Paid ye Province Treasurer	17	18	5
	35	3	11

Credit

By Balance brought from Page 48

By Raised in Constable whithouses Province

Rate List

Ye Towns Debt

Ye Towns Credit

Ye Balance carried to Page 48

2 11 2

32 8 9

34 19 11

35 3 11

34 19 11

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This is to Notify the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Rochester that are qualified according to Law to Vote in Town Meeting that there is a Publick Town Meeting to be holden at the Meeting House in Rochester on Tuesday the twenty sixth day of this Instant March at ten of clock in the forenoon then & there to choose all Town Officers for the year Ensuing as the Law Directs & also to Consider & Vote what Sum or Sums of money shall be Raised in this town for the year Ensuing & to what uses sd money shall be Appropriated and to transact and Do any other Matter or thing relating to the town affairs that is Proper to be done at a General Town Meeting And all Persons Concerned are Desired to give their attendance at Time and Place.

Given Under our Hands in Rochester this Sixteenth Day of March Anno Domini 1744/5

Tim Roberts

Wm Chamberlain

Edward Tibbets

Benj^a Forst

Joseph Tibbets

Selectmen of
Rochester

Pursuant to the foregoing Notification
At a legal Town Meeting holden at the Meeting House in Rochester on Tuesday the 26th day of March Anno Domini 1745

John Rickford was chosen Moderator
2^d Wm Chamberlain was chosen Town Clerk for
y^e year Ensuing

John Rickford
3 Nath^l Tim Roberts } Were chosen Selectmen for y^e year
William Jenness } Ensuing

4 John Jenness } Were chosen Assessors for the year
James Place } Ensuing

5 One Edward Tibbets } Were chosen Commissioners
Saml Twombly } for the year Ensuing

Will^m Cailleis }
6 John Blackden } Were chosen Tything men for the
Richard Wentworth } year Ensuing

Joshua Downs }
7 James Rogers } Were chosen Surveyors of y^e Highways
Saml Heron } for the year Ensuing

Solomon Parkins }
8 Ichabod Horn } Were chosen Field Drivers for the
Jonathan Young } year Ensuing

9 Benj^a Hayes } Were chosen Constables for the
Iron Tibbets } year Ensuing

10 Voted that two hundred pounds old tenor
shall be Raised in the town to Defray the
Charges of sd town for the Ensuing year.

11 Voted that the Revd Mr Main shall have one
hundred and sixty Pounds old tenor for his
Salary for the Ensuing year

Attest Wm Chamberlain Town Clerk
To Benj^a Hayes a Constable of the Town of Rochester
be Pleased to Pay unto y^e Revd Mr Amos Main of
sd Rochester the Sum of one hundred and sixty
Pounds old tenor out of your Rate List upon the ac-
count of his Salary for y^e Present year and his Re-
ceipt shall be your Discharge for sd Sum.

Timothy Roberts
John Bickford } selectmen of
William Finness } Rochester

Rochester May 3 1745/6

This is to Notify the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the town of Rochester that are qualified according to Law to vote in Town Meeting that there is a Publick Town Meeting to be holden in the Meeting House in sd Rochester on Monday the twenty fourth Day of this Instant March at ten of clock in the forenoon then and there to choose all town officers for the year Ensuing as the Law Directs and also to Consider and Vote what Sum or Sums this town will Raise to Defray the Charges thereof for the year Ensuing and to what Uses sd shall be appropriated also to Consider and Vote what Sum shall be Raised in this town for the supporting of the Gospel Ministry in sd town and to see what the town will do about Repairing the Meeting House also to choose a Committee to Examine the accounts of the agents that were chosen by the town in the year of our Lord 1742 And lastly to Consult what is Proper to be done Relating to the Mill Rents that were Voted to the Use of the Ministry in this town by the Proprietors of sd Rochester at their last Proprietors Meeting and to transact or do any thing Proper to be done Relating to any or all of the foregoing articles and All Persons

concerned are Desired to give their Attendance at time and Place when Wonders our hands in Rochester this fourteenth Day of March Anno Domini 1745/6

Timothy Roberts
John Bickford } selectmen of
William Finness } Rochester

Pursuant to the foregoing Notification -
At a legal Town Meeting holden at Rochester at the Meeting House on Monday the 24th Day of March 1745/6

1. S^r Timothy Roberts was chosen Moderator of sd Meeting.

2. John Bickford was chosen Town Clerk for the year Ensuing

John Finness
3. Richard Wentworth } were chosen selectmen
for the year Ensuing
E^s Edward Tibbets

4. Joseph Tibbets } were chosen Assessors for the
James Place } year Ensuing

5. Charles Holman } were chosen Commissioners
Aliment Dorem } for the year Ensuing

6. Isaac Miller was chosen Constable for the year Ensuing.

7. Robert Knight } were chosen Cything men
Phillip Dore Jun^r } for the year Ensuing

John Garland
8. John Trickey } were chosen Surveyors of High-
Jonathan Hodgdon } ways for the year Ensuing
Solomon Parkins

Thos Parkins

Jonathan Young } here chosen Field Drivers
 Ichabod Horn } for the year Ensuing
 Will^m Calles

10 Voted that two hundred pounds be Raised in this town to Defray the Charges in this town for the year Ensuing.

11 Voted that one hundred & sixty pounds old tenor of the above & two hundred be to pay y^e Rev^d Mr Wain's Salary for the year Ensuing.

12 Voted that the Remaining Part of the aforesaid two hundred pounds be to pay L^d John Downing for his Times Expense in two Law Suits with James Place and John Allen as Selectmen and agent for sd town.

13 Voted that the Selectmen be a Committee to Repair the Meeting House out of sd two hundred pounds.

14 Voted that Isaac Libbey and James Rogers and Mark Janness be a Committee to Examine the agents accounts that was chosen by this town in the year of our Lord 1742.

15 Will^m Chamberlain Entered his Dissent against the Vote of one hundred & sixty pounds as to y^e Rev^d Mr Wain.

James Russel came into y^e meeting and Declared his Dissent against his paying Rates as to y^e Rev^d Mr Wain.

Attest W^m Chamberlain Town Clerk.

This is to Notify the Inhabitants of the town of Rochester that are Qualified according to Law to vote in Town Meetings that there is a Town Meeting to be holden in Rochester aforesaid at the Meeting House on Monday the tenth day of this Instant March at one o'clock in the afternoon then there to Receive the Report of the Committee that were chosen to adjust accounts with the Rev^d Mr Wain of this town and to act and Do any matter or thing proper to be Done Relating to that affair and also to choose a Committee or agents for this town to Examine the accounts of the Delinquent Constables, Selectmen or Agents and to Prosecute them in the Behalf of this town as their Respective Cases Do or may Require and to transact or Do any other matter or thing proper to be Done at sd meeting and All Persons concerned are Desired to give their attendance at Time and Place. Given Under our Hands in Rochester this seventh Day of March Anno Domini 1746/7

Edward Tibbets
 John Janness } Selectmen

At a legal Meeting of the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the town of Rochester qualified by Law to Vote in town affairs held at Rochester the 16th Day of March 1746/7

Lieut. Tim^r Roberts chosen Moderator of sd Meeting Voted that Messrs John Fenness and Isaac Libby both of the town of Rochester be and hereby are chosen, authorized and appointed to be agents or attorneys in the behalf of the Inhabitants of this town to appear Prosecute and Pursue any Cause or action moved or to be moved for or against the Inhabitants through the whole course of the Law to Final Judgment and Execution with full Power of Substitution according to what was specified in the Notification for this Present Meeting.

This is to Notify the Inhabitants of the town of Rochester to bring in an Inventory of all that Estate Ratable by Law which they were the owners or Possessors of from the month of December last Past to the month of March. sd Inventory to be brought to us the subscribers at or before the fifteenth Day this Instant October, otherwise they will be Rated by will and Doom according as the Law Directs.

John Fenness
Edward Libbets
Richard Wentworth } Selectmen of
Rochester

Rochester October 9th 1746

These are to notify the freeholders and other inhabitants of the town of Rochester that are qualified according to Law to Vote in Publick Town Meeting that there is a Publick Town Meeting to be holden at the Meeting House in Rochester on Monday the twenty fourth day of this Instant November at two of the clock in the afternoon then and there to choose a Committee to settle the accounts with the Rev. Mr Amos Main of sd Rochester & to know what his Demands are upon the town towards his Salary from his first settling in y^e Gospel Ministry in sd town to this present year and also to choose a man or men to take an inventory of the Ratable Estate of this town for the year ensuing as the Law Directs; and also to see if this town will choose a man or men as an agent or Committee to apply to the Genl Court of this Province at their next Sessions to see if sd Court will Release this town from paying a Province tax for the present year and to Petition to sd Court to lay a tax upon the lands in this town as are owned by such Persons as Reside not in y^e town During the war in order to help support y^e Gospel Ministry in sd town and all Persons concerned are Desired to give their Attendance at time and place before mentioned.

Given under our hands in Rochester this fourteenth day of November, Anno Domini, 1746.

Edward Tibbitts } Selectmen of
Richard Wentworth } Rochester

At a Legal Town Meeting holden at ye Meetinghouse in Rochester on Monday the twenty-fourth day of November in ye year 1746

- 1 John Jenness Shown Moderator of sd meeting
- 2 Voted Messrs John Walker, Isaac Hebb, John Bickford be a Committee to examine ye accounts of the town and to settle with ye Rev. Mr Amos Main according to the foregoing Notification and to make Returns of their doing at a town meeting.
- 3 Voted Deacon Joseph Walker, Shown to take a true Inventory of ye Polls and Estates Ratable by Law for sd town for ye year ensuing.
- 4 Voted he shall have one Pound ten Shillings old tenor Paid him for his time.

Rochester, March ye 20th 1748/9.

Then Received of Constable Alexander Hodgdon three hundred pounds, eighteen shillings and four pence, old tenor, it being in full of his town Rate list to him.

Committee for the year 1748. Received
Isaac Hebb } Selectmen
John Heighton }

Rochester, March ye 17th 1748/9

Then Received of Constable Alexander Hodgdon five shillings besides what he paid the treasurer, which is the full of his Province Rate list for ye year 1748

Or Isaac Hebb } Selectmen
John Heighton }

Rochester, March ye 5th 1749/50

Then Received of Mr Zebulon Dam four Pounds seventeen shillings and ten pence, old tenor, for a Vote of hand that was the full Balance of his Rate list that was to him Committee when he was Constable for the town above sd.

Or Isaac Hebb } Selectmen
John Heighton }
John Jenness }

To the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the town of Rochester that are qualified according to Law to Vote in town meeting this is to give Notice that there is a Publick Town Meeting to be holden in the Meetinghouse in sd Rochester on Monday the thirtieth day of this Instant March at ten of the clock in the forenoon, then and there to choose all town officers for ye year ensuing as the Law Directs and also to consider and Vote what sum or sums of money shall be Raised in this town for the Support of the Gospel Ministry in sd town and also for other

uses as the town shall thin and there think
it proper or needful and all persons concerned
are desired to give their attendance at time
and place given under our hands in Roch-
ester this twenty fifth day of March Anno Domini
1746/7.

Edward Tibbets

John Fenness

Richard Wentworth

Selectmen.

At a legal Town Meeting holden at the Meeting
House in Rochester on Monday ^{day} twelfth of March
1747

1. Ens. Edward Tibbets, Moderator of sd meeting
2. John Bickford chosen Town Clerk for y^r year
ensuing.

Edward Tibbets

3. John Fenness } Selectmen
L^{ieut} Libby

4. Alexander Hodgdon } Assessors.
Joseph Tibbets

5. John Highton } Commissioners
William Fenness

6. John Tickey chosen Constable for y^r year.
Benj^a Forst

7. Saml Whitehouse } Tithing men
John Heard

8. John Hammock Jr } Surveyors of Highway
Will^m Allen

Richard Bickford

9. Jos Drew } Hogg Beth

10. Stephen Berry Jr Sound keeper

11. John Highton chosen to take a true Inventory
of the Estates Ratable by Law in sd town and
to give it in upon oath, and he shall have
one pound, fifteen shillings, old tenor, paid
him for his doing.

12. Voted Sixty pounds old tenor, be raised, to
pay of y^r arrearsages which is Due to y^r Rev.
Mr Amos Wain for the time past.

13. Voted one hundred & sixty pounds old tenor
to the support of the Gospel for the year.
Ensuing and five pounds old tenor for
the use of the town.

To the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the
town of Rochester, that are qualified according
to Law to Vote in Town Meeting this is to give
Notice that according to the Special Instance
or Request of a sufficient Number of the In-
habitants of this town in writing to us the
Selectmen Directed there is a Publick Town
Meeting to be holden at the Meeting House in
sd Rochester on Monday the Nineteenth day of
this Instant October at ten of the clock in
the forenoon, then & there to Consider & Vote
whether this town will render their thanks
to His Excellency the Governor & to the General
Court of this Province for the Quota of soldiers
they have afforded us in the Spring & Summer

last and to Give their help for some space
 of time longer as they in their wisdom
 shall think convenient and also to pray
 the General Court of this Province to lay a
 tax upon the non-resident proprietors of
 the lands in this town and all Persons
 concerned are hereby Desired to give their
 attendance at time and place. Given under
 our hands in Rochester this 16th day of October
 Anno Domini 1747.

Edward Tibbets
 John Fenness } Selectmen
 Lath Leiby

At a legal town meeting holden in Rochester
 October 19th 1747 Ens. Edward Tibbets chosen
 Moderator of sd meeting

- 1 Voted that this town Return their thanks to
 his Excellency the Governor and General
 Court of this Province for the Quota of Soldiers
 afforded in the Spring & Summer past.
- 2 Voted that this town pray the General Court to
 afford a convenient number of men to Guard
 for some time longer as they in their wisdom
 shall think proper
- 3 Voted that this town petition His Excellency
 the Governor & the General Court to lay a
 tax upon the hands of the Non-resident Pro-
 prietors in this town as specified in the
 Notification.
- 4 Voted that Ens. Edward Tibbets perfer the

foregoing Votes to the General Court of this
 Province by way of Motion on the towns Behalf

To the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the
 town of Rochester such as by Law are qualified
 to vote In Publick Town Meeting You are hereby
 notified of a publick town meeting to be holden
 at the Meeting house in Rochester on Monday
 the seventh day of December next ensuing this
 date at ten of the clock in the forenoon then
 and there to see if this town will agree that
 the arrearage money that was Voted at last
 March town meeting to pay the Rev. Mr. Main
 what is Due to him for back years should be
 payed without a Resettl or Discharge in full
 for the same also to see if this town will agree
 to make the Rev. Mr. Main's Salary good and equal
 to what it was when he first Settled as a Gospel
 Minister in this town to this present year
 or to come to some agreement with the Rev.
 Mr. Main on that affair also to Do any other
 matter or thing that the town shall think
 proper to be done on sd day And all Persons
 concerned are Desired to give their attendance
 at time and place.

Given under our hands this 28th day of Novem-
 ber 1747.

Lath Leiby } Selectmen
 John Fenness

At a legal town meeting in order at the Meeting House in Rochester on Monday 7th day of December 1747 Supt Timothy Roberts chosen Moderator of sd Meeting.

1 Voted that the Arrearage money that is Due to y^e Rev Mr Wain should be paid without a Discharge in full.

2 Voted that Supt Timothy Roberts Es^q Leby Es^q Edward Tibbitts John Jenness, Will^m Jenness, John Wier, Deacon Joseph Walker, Benj^a Hayes, John Dickford, be a Committee to treat with y^e Rev Mr Wain of this town about his Salary as an addition to what was voted him the last March Town Meeting.

Rochester, Oct^r 14th 1747.

Then Received of Messers Edward Tibbitts, John Jenness & Isaac Leby Selectmen of Rochester the sum of forty four pounds Publick Bills of Credit, old tenor, upon the account of my Salary for the year current

Pr me Amos Wain

Recorded Pr

Is^a Leby Town Clerk.

Rochester, December 15th 1747

Then Received of Messers Edward Tibbitts and Isaac Leby Selectmen of Rochester one hundred and sixteen pounds Bills of Credit old tenor towards my salary for y^e year current

Pr me

Amos Wain

Recorded Pr

Is^a Leby, Town Clerk.

Rochester March 21st 1747/8

Then Received of Messers Es^q Edward Tibbitts and Isaac Leby Selectmen the sum of thirty seven pounds Thirteen shillings, old tenor, in part upon y^e account of arrearages Due to me in years past from the town of Rochester.

Pr me.

- Amos Wain

Recorded Pr

Is^a Leby, Clerk.

Province

New Hampshire

April 1st 1747.

Recd from Constable John Trickey eleven pounds & six pence for Rochester Province Rate for y^e year 1747

Pr Geo Jeffrey, Treasurer

Province

New Hampshire

March 7th 1748

Recd of Constable Hodgdon, eleven pounds and six pence for Rochester Province Rate for this year 1748

Pr Geo Jeffrey, Treasurer.

March 16 1748/9

Then Received of y^e selectmen of the town of Rochester on the towns account the sum of three hundred pounds Bills of Credit, old tenor it being the bill of what said town voted to be raised at their last annual March meeting for the support of the Gospel Ministry in this town for the year of our Lord, 1748/9

By Received For me

Amos Main

Rochester June 14th 1748

Then Received of the selectmen of the town of Rochester, the sum of twenty two pounds four shillings, old tenor, in part of the arrearages Due to me upon the account of my salary from the town of Rochester for years past.

For me

Amos Main

The Town of Rochester Accounts of the Town list paid and
To payed to y^e Rev Mr Main for his
this years salary

160 00 00

To payed to y^e Rev Mr Main in part of his arrearages that was voted him

21 19 7

To payed to Constable Isaac Miller for summoning the town officers

1 10 00

183 9 7

To payed to Supt Timothy Roberts for Cost of town

3 12 1

To Constable Trickey Rates taken of

3 9 11

To payed to Constable Trickey summoning y^e town officers

1 10 00

To payed to y^e Rev Mr Main

57 7 4

To payed to y^e Rev Mr Main

8 4 10

Bal.

257 13 3

The Account of Rochester Province Rate list

To y^e Province Present from y^e treasurer

11 0 6

To Received of Constable Trickey

0 19 0

Balance

11 19 6

Credit for y^r year 1747
 To Raised in y^e town Rate list
 To Recd. of Constable Isaac Miller of his last
 years arrearage
 Recd of Constable Zebulon Dam
 Y^e Towns Credit
 Debt to what is payed
 Balance Due

232

20

257

183

74

The above account is according to old tenor
 compared the above account and list and
 find them true and agree there with.

Pr John Highton
 Will^m Janness } Commission-
 ers

For y^e year 1747
 To Raised in y^e Province list
 Y^e Towns Credit
 Y^e Towns Debt
 Due on Turkey Balance
 from sd Turkey

Balance

£ 11-19-6

£ 11-8-6

Bal. £ 0-19-0

11 19

Lawful
Money

Compared the above account and list and
 find them true and agree there with

John Highton
 Will^m Janness } Commission-
 ers

To the Freeholders & other inhabitants of
 the town of Rochester such as by law are quali-
 fied to Vote in Publick town meetings
 You are hereby Notified of a publick town meet-
 ing to be holden at the Meeting House in Rochester
 on Monday the twenty first day of this Instant
 March at Ten of the Clock in the forenoon then
 there to choose all town officers as the Law
 Directs and also to see and Vote what sum or
 sums of money this town will give for the
 support of the Hospital Ministry in the ensuing
 year also to receive the report of the Committee
 that was chose at the last town meeting to
 treat with the Rev. Mr. Wain concerning his
 salary the present year & to do some matter
 or thing on that affair also to do any other
 Business that this town shall think proper
 to be done on sd day and all Persons con-
 cerned are Desired to give their attendance at
 time and place. Given under our hands
 in Rochester this 12th day of March 1747/8

Edward Tibbets

John Janness Selectmen
 W^m Libby

At a legal town meeting holden in Rochester
 on Monday the 25th day of March 1747/8
 1st Will^m Chamberlain Chosen Moderator of sd
 meeting.
 2nd Isaac Libby Chosen Town Clerk.

- Isaac Leiby
- 3 John Highton } Chosen Selectmen
 4 Will^m Chamberlain }
- 4 Alexander Hodgdon Chosen Constable
- 5 Richard Wentworth } Chosen Assessors
 John Farness }
- 6 Will^m Farness } Chosen Commissioners
 Joseph Tibbets }
- Clearer Ham
- 7 Will^m Eallis } Chosen Tything men
 Lthamox Leavy }
- Aaron Tibbets
- 8 John Garland } Chosen Surveyors of
 John Hammock Jr } highways
 James Rogers Jr }
- Lehabod Horn
- 9 John Heard } Chosen Field Drivers
 Nat^l Tibbets }
- Solomon Perkins
- 10 Stephen Berry Jun. Chosen Pound Keeper
 John Zuckford } Chosen to be a Committee to
 11 James Rogers } join a Committee in Dover to settle
 John Highton } or demarcate the line between
 y^e town of Dover & Rochester.
- 12 Voted that three hundred pounds, old tenor
 be raised for y^e support of the Gospel Minis-
 try in Rochester y^e ensuing year.

The town of Rochester account of the Province
 raised in the Province list

	17	5	8
Credit £	17	5	8
Debt £	11	14	6
Bal =	02	11	2

The Balance in y^e Selectmens hand

2-11-2 Lewis Money

The above account paid and balanced

The town of Rochester's account of the town
 To paid to Rev W^m Main £ 300 5 5
 To Constable Hodgdon's Rates taken of 0 5 6
 To y^e balance of this account carried to Page 306 8 6
 in y^e year's account 1749 11 11 10
 Bal £ - 318 0 7

Province New Hampshire April 1752
 Received of Joseph Hoag, Eighteen Pounds
 Eleven shillings, y^e Province tax of Rochester
 for y^e year 1751
 £ 18-11-0 Pr George Jeffrey, Treasurer

List Debt and Credit for y^e year 1748
in Lawful Money

To paid to the Province treasurer

To paid John Leighton for taking an Inventory

To Constable Hodgdon's Rate taken of

Debt £

To the Bal. carried to Page in y^e years account 1749

Bal.

Compared the above account with the Constables list and find the above account true and agree their with

Joseph Tabbetts } Commissioners
William Jenness }

List Debt & Credit for y^e year 1748

To Raised in the town list

y^e town's Credit 318-0-4

y^e town's Debt 300-8-6

y^e Balance in y^e Selectmen's hands (old tenor) 11-11-10

Compared the above account with the Constables list and find them true and agree their with

William Jenness } Commissioners
Joseph Tabbetts }

11	0	0
8	0	0
0	5	0
11	17	0
2	11	0
14	5	0

318 0 0

To the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the town of Rochester Such as by Law are qualified to vote in Publick town meetings
You are hereby notified of a public town meeting to be holden in the Meeting House in Rochester on Monday the twentieth day of this Instant March at ten of the clock in the forenoon then and there to choose all town officers for the year ensuing as the Law Directs, also to consider and vote what sum or sums of money this town shall think proper to be Raised for the Support of the Gospel Ministry in sd town for the year ensuing also to do any other Business that this town shall think proper to be done on sd day and All Persons concerned are Desired to give their attendance at time and place.

Given under our hands in Rochester this 11th day of March Anno Domini 1748/9

William Chamberlain

Esq^r Leiby

John Leighton

Selectmen

At a legal town meeting holden in Rochester by y^e freeholders & inhabitants qualified by Law to vote in town affairs the 20th day of March 1748/9

1 Capt Timothy Roberts Chosen Moderator of sd meeting

2 Isaac Leiby Chosen town clerk.

- Isaac Lebbey
 3 John Lighton } Chosen Selectmen for y^r year
 John Lemness } Ensuing
 4 Sam Whitehouse Chosen Constable.
 5 Richard Winford } Chosen Assessors
 Thos Brown }
 6 Sam Twombly } Chosen Commissioners
 James Rogers Jr }
 Will^m Caillie }
 7 Lthamar Seavey } Chosen Tything men
 Jonathan Lophs }
 Joseph Tibbets }
 8 Daniel Kinget } Chosen Surveyors of the
 Thos Young } highways.
 Stephen Perry Jr }
 Lehabod Horn }
 9 John Heard } Chosen Field Drivers.
 Sam^d Holding }
 Nat^d Tibbets }
 10 Ebenezer Place Chosen pound keeper.
 11 Isaac Lebbey Chosen to take an Inventory
 within this month of March and for y^r
 Ensuing year and to have six pounds old
 tenor for his so doing.
 12 Voted that three hundred pounds old
 tenor be Raised in this town for the sup-
 port of the Gospel the Ensuing year.
 13 Voted that there be a Committee to see if
 there be a Road that leads from y^r Meeting
 House to the South Side of the town to Bar-
 rington line.

John Pickford Chosen to be a committee to receive
 Isaac Lebbey Sum out of wages to make report to
 the Town

To the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of
 the town of Rochester such as by Law are quali-
 fied to vote in town meetings. This is to certify
 that according to the Desire of our Rev^d Pastor
 in this town that there is a town meeting to
 be holden in the Meeting House in Rochester on
 Monday the tenth day of the Instant April
 at two of the clock in the afternoon in order to
 consider and vote what this town will do as
 to their agreement with the Rev^d William con-
 cerning his Settlement and Salary in the
 town viz how far or in what measure they
 will comply with it and what methods shall
 be taken in order thereto and inasmuch as
 he saith he understands that there is uneasi-
 ness among some people about these things
 he Desires that all the people belonging to his
 charge would meet together on this occasion
 that both Pastor and People may have a
 friendly conversation together and labour
 to settle the affair in the best manner they
 can and so to prevent any further difficulty
 to Ourselves or Ours, also to do any other Business
 that this town shall think proper to be done on
 sd day And all Persons concerned are Desired
 to give their attendance at time and place.

Given under our hands in Rochester this 1st
day of April Anno Domini 1749.

L^a Kirby Selectmen.
John Knighton

Province of New Hampshire } At a legal town meeting of the
Freeholders and other inhabitants
of the town of Rochester qualified by Law to Vote
in town affairs holden at Rochester on Monday
the 10th day of April 1749
Capt. Timothy Roberts chosen Moderator of sd
meeting.

2 Voted that there shall be a house frame forty
feet long and twenty feet wide two stories
high framed and set up in some part of
this town for y^e Rev. Mr. Main where he
shall think proper in sd town according
to agreement made with him when he
settled in this town as a Gospel Minister
to be completed within twelve months
from y^e date above sd.

3 Voted that there be a Committee to set
out sd frame to the cheapest bidder according
to the vote above sd.

Will^m Jenness } Be a Committee to let out
Alexander Hodgdon } the above frame to the
Richard Rickford } lowest Bidder according
to the vote above named.

5 Voted that there shall be a Consideration to
the Rev. Mr. Main's Salary for the present year

and to make up what is wanting of the former
Salary

4 Voted that there be a Committee to treat
with the Rev. Mr. Main concerning the above
sd vote & to make Report to the town.

Lease Kirby } To be a committee to
John Jenness } treat with y^e Rev. Mr.
Dr. Stephen Berry } Main concerning y^e
Capt Timothy Roberts } above sd vote and to return
Richard Wentworth } an answer to y^e town.

The meeting was adjourned to the 22nd day
of May following at three o'clock in the after-
noon.

Monday May y^e 22nd 1749

At according to adjournment and the
following agreement presented the town
Agreed that one hundred pounds old tenor
be Raised in this town and paid to y^e Rev.
Mr. Main for the year current besides what
was Raised for the support of the Gospel at y^e
last annual town meeting

2 Agreed that one hundred pounds old tenor
be Raised and Paid to y^e Rev. Mr. Main tow-
ards making up his Salary for y^e year of
our Lord 1748

3 Agreed that two hundred and forty pounds
old tenor be Raised towards making up Mr.
Main's Salary and Paid to him for the year
of our Lord 1747 and that the town have
three years to pay the sums before mention-
ed that is to pay one hundred pounds old

tenor in the present year 1749 and one hundred pounds old tenor, to be paid in the year 1750 and two hundred and forty pounds old tenor be paid in the year 1751 provided upon the payment of the above sd Sums that y^r Rev. Mr. Main give the town a Discharge. Voted that y^r above sd agreement be good and the above sd Sums paid to y^r Rev. Mr. Main according to the above sd agreement provided he give y^r town their Discharge as is above mentioned.

To the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the town of Rochester such as by law are qualified to Vote in town meeting. You are hereby notified of a publick town meeting to be holden in the meeting house in Rochester on Monday the fourth day of September next at ten of the clock in the forenoon in order to see if this town will be at the charge of a lawsuit with the Parish of Somersworth on the account of Richard Hammock who is sent from Somersworth to this town by a warrant also to hear the report of the Committee that was chosen to search out the Ten Rod Road that leads from the Meeting House to the South Side of the town also to do any other Business that this town shall think proper to be done on sd Day And Persons concerned are Desired to give their attendance at time and place,

Given under our hands at Rochester this 16th day of August 1749

L^s Lebby

John Finness

John Keighton

Selectmen

Province of (At a legal meeting of the New Hampshire) Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the town of Rochester Qualified by law to Vote in town affairs held at Rochester the 4th day of September 1749.

1 Edward Tebbetts Chosen Moderator of sd meeting

2 Voted that this town stand trial with the Parish of Somersworth on the account of Richard Hammock a poor man that was sent from sd Somersworth to this town contrary to law

3 Voted that the Selectmen of this town or any one of them be and hereby are authorized and empowered to bring forward a proper process in law for a trial whether this town is liable to the charge of and ought by law to maintain Richard Hammock and appear and pursue the same through the course of the law or so far as they or any one of them shall upon advice and trial judge proper.

4 Voted that those of the Selectmen that attend Court in a law suit with Somers-

worth on the account of Richard Hammock shall have thirty five shillings old tenor, a day each man for their time and Expenses in sd Service

5 Whereas John Bickford, and Lease Libby was at the last March meeting chosen a Committee to search out the ten rod road that leads from the Meeting House in Rochester to the south side of the town and to make Report to the town which Report is that it can not be done to any affect without a plan of the home lots in sd town

6 Voted that the Committee that was Chosen at the last March town meeting to search out the ten rod road from the Meeting house above sd to the south side of the town shall be empowered to get a plan of the home lots in Rochester from the Proprietor's Clerk attested by him to be true and to be done on the town's cost and sd plan to be lodged in the town clerk's office for the time being.

Rochester, March 18th 1750/51

Received of the Selectmen of Rochester, upon the town's account three hundred pounds old tenor, it being upon the account of my Salary for the year of our Lord 1750
I say Received Pr me

Rochester March 18th 1750/51

Then Received of the Selectmen of sd town the sum of Ninety Pounds old tenor, to pay the Carpenter for building y^e Rev. Mr. Wain's house frame and Five Pounds old tenor for their Service in letting out sd frame

Received Pr William Fenness } Committee
Richard Bickford }

The town of Rochester's account of the
The town's Debt.

To paid to Eleazer Hodgdon for Summoning last year's town officers	1	-	-
To paid to James Rock for a pair of shoes for Richard Hammock		15	-
To paid to Capt Hanson for copies on account of Richard Hammock's lawsuit		5	-
To paid to 2 lawyers for the town	12	10	-
To paid to Sgt Page for swearing Everdames		7	-
To paid to y ^e Jury when at Court		13	-
To paid for an appeal at Court		5	-
To paid to y ^e clerk of the Court for copies & summons		12	-
To paid for making Richard Hammock's jacket		5	-
To paid for making Richard Hammock's shirt		3	-
To paid Lornal Smith for a warrant		3	-
To paid Lornal Smith for a copy of a warrant		7	-
To paid for a jacket cloth 4 yards	0	0	-
of serge at 7/6 per yard for Richard Hammock	1	10	-
To paid to Col Wallingford for a copy of a warrant		2	-
To a pair of stockings		8	-
To paid for entering of our axion at cost		15	-
To Lash paid for Summoning of Everdames		6	-
To 3 1/2 yards of cotton cloth for a shirt for Richard Hammock at 5/6 per yard		19	-
To Lash paid Doctor Bar for a copy of Somers- worth Charter		1	-
To paid to Capt Timothy Roberts for keeping of Richard Hammock	4		3
To paid to y ^e Province Treasurer by Honorable Whitehouse	15	9	10
	17	18	-
	22	119	-

Province and Poor Rate list for the year 1749.

The Town's Credit

To the Balance left in the Selectmen's hands
in y^e year 1748 brought from Page

2 11 2

To Raised in Honorable Whitehouse's Province
Rate list for this present year 1749

32 8 9

Credit £

34 19 11

Debt £

15 3 10

To Balance in Honorable Whitehouse hands 17-19-0

19 16 1

To Balance in the Selectmen's hands 1-17-1

Compared y^e above accounts with the Hon-
stable's list and find them true

James Rogers Jr. Commis-
sioners
Samuel Twombly

The town of Rochester's account Debt and
To Cash paid to Mark Jeness for a former
debt that the town owed him 6-1-6

1750 Nov 8 To Received of Constable Saml
Whitehouse & paid to y^e Committee for letting
out y^e Rev^d Mr Wain's house frame in order
to pay for sd frame 85

1750/51 March 8 To Received of Constable Saml
Whitehouse and paid to y^e Rev^d Mr Wain 400-

y^e above account is in old tenor 491-1-6

To paid Mr Wain as part of arrearages 11-16-2

To Received of Constable Saml Whitehouse
and carried to Page 10-7-2

Bal. 521-4-10

Rochester April y^e 20th 1752

Then by virtue of a Vote of the town above
said we have perambulated or new Run
the ten rod road on the south west side of
the town above said beginning on or about
Nine Rods from the North westerly corner of
the Meeting House and then running south
48 degrees west till we came to the north-
easterly corner of Reuben Heard's land then
extending said road as it was formerly Run
Down to Lockes River so called which bears
the same point nearest

Laid out by John Bickford (Chosen Committee
by y^e Libby for y^e same at a Pub-
lick Town Meeting.

Credit of the Minister Rate list for y^e year 1749

To Raised in Constable Saml Whitehouse's
ministers Rate list for y^e year 1749 509-13-

To the Balance of last years account 11-11-10
brought from page Bal. 521-4-10

To Balance in Constable Saml Whitehouse's
hands £502-9-0 old tenor

To Balance in the Selectmen's hands by a
note from Whitehouse 12-1-2 old tenor
Compared the above account with the Con-
stable's list and find y^e above account true.

Pr

James Rogers Jr } Commissioners
Samuel Swombly }

Province of } March 26, 1753
New Hampshire } Received of Joseph Tabbetts
eighteen pounds, four shillings y^e Prov. tax
of Rochester for y^e year 1752
18-4-0. Pr Geo Jeffrey, Treasurer

To the freeholders and other Inhabitants of
the town of Rochester Such as by law are
Qualified to Vote in Publick town meeting
You are hereby Notified of a publick town
meeting to be holden at the meeting house in
Rochester on Monday the twelfth day of this
Instant March at ten of the clock in the fore-
noon then and there to choose all town offi-
cers for the year ensuing as the law Directs
also to consider & Vote what sum or sums of
money this town shall think proper to be
Raised for the support of the Gospel Ministry
in sd town for the year ensuing also to do any
other Business that this town shall think
proper to be done on sd day and All Persons
Concerned are Desired to give their attendance
at time and place.

Given under our hands in Rochester this
3rd day of March, Anno Domini 1749/50

Is^a Hebbly
John Highton } Selectmen
John Jenness }

Province of
New Hampshire }

At a legal Meeting of the freeholders and other
Inhabitants of the town of Rochester, Qualified
by law to Vote in town affairs held at Rochester
the twelfth day of March 1749/50

1 Capt Timothy Roberts Chosen Moderator of
sd Meeting.

2 Edward Tibbets, Town Clerk.

Edward Tibbets

3 Will^m Chamberlain } Selectmen

John Bickford

4 John Jenness } Constable

5 Ichabod Horn } Assessors

Richard Bickford

John Garland

6 James Rogers } Surveyors of Highways

John Plummer

Sam^l Winget

Joshua Daves

7 Sam^l Tibbets } Field Drivers

Solomon Perkins

Phillip Dore

8 Stephen Berry Jr } Pound Keeper

9 Benj^m Hayes

Jonathan Ham } Commissioners

10 Voted that three hundred pounds old tenor
be Raised for the support of the Gospel the
year ensuing.

11 Voted that John Highton and Capt Tim-
othy Roberts and Isaa^k Hebbly be a Committee
to hire a Schoolmaster to keep a School in
this town for the year ensuing

12 Voted that the Selectmen of this town for
the present year shall Raise money on the
Polls and Estates of the Inhabitants of this
town as they do in other taxes in order to pay
a Schoolmaster according to the agreement
that shall be made by the Committee

before mentioned

3 Voted that the Selectmen of this town let out the school lot to those that will give the most for it for the present year and the Rent to be converted to the towns Use

Rochester March 8th 1750/51

Then Received of the Selectmen of sd town upon the towns account one hundred pounds sd tenor it being so much towards making up my salary for y^e year of our lord 1748 and I exonerate the sd town of any further demands upon the account of my salary for y^e sd year 1748 as witness my hand

Amos Main

Rochester March 20, 1749/50

Then Received of the Selectmen of Rochester on the towns Behalf four hundred pounds sd tenor upon the account of my salary for the year of our lord 1749 which is agreeable to the Votes of sd town Relating to my salary which I was to Receive of sd town for sd year and Hereby Discharging the sd town of any further Demands upon them as to the year 1749

Amos Main

At a legal Town Meeting holden in Rochester on Monday May 7 1750

1 Lt Timothy Roberts Shown Moderator for sd meeting

Mr Isaac Leiby
2 Lt Timothy Roberts } Shown Selectmen
Mr John Keighton

This is to Notify the freeholders & other Inhabitants of the town of Rochester that are Qualified according to Law to Vote in Publick Town meeting that there is a publick town meeting to be holden at the Meeting house in Rochester on Monday the seventh day of May next Ensuing the Date hereof at two of the clock in the afternoon then and there to make choice of a suitable person to serve as a Selectman in this town for the year current or if the town think it proper to choose more than one to serve in sd capacity also to choose an agent or agents for this town to Prosecute the suit commenced in the Law by this town against the Parish of Somersworth Relating to Richard Hammock, to a final issue and also to Consider & vote what shall be further necessary as to the Support of the Gospel Ministry in this town for the year current and to Transact any matter or thing proper to be done Relating to the above mentioned articles. All Persons Concerned are Hereby Desired to give their attendance at time & place Given under our hands in Rochester aforesaid, this twenty eighth day of April Anno Domini 1750.

Will^m Chamberlain }
Isaac Leiby } Selectmen
Edward Abbott

The town of Rochester's account of Debt and
 To Paid in Constable John Jenness list for
 y^e present year 416-17-9

Rochester March y^e 24th 1752

Then by the Request of a number of the In-
 habitants of the town above said we have laid
 out or Perambulated one of the four rod roads
 on the southwesterly side of the town above
 said at the Head of the lots that join to bockes
 River and at the foot of the other Ranges on the
 on the Easterly side of sd River beginning at a
 large white Pine tree on or about four score rods
 from where the road joins the ten rod road at y^e
 end next to y^e River which is a Proveable line tree
 and Running southeast two Degrees south to
 Dover Head line and then from sd white pine
 tree, a straight course to the ten rod road where
 said Road joins the River and leaving the road
 four rods wide.

Laid out according to the plan of sd town by us
 Isaac hebby }
 Jon^a Darn } Selectmen

Credit for y^e year 1751 To town list
 150 March 8 To Paid to y^e Rev Mr Main in
 Part of his money that was voted him
 at a town meeting holden in May

22nd day 1749

100 - -

March 18 To Paid to y^e Rev Mr Main
 To Constable Jenness Rate taken of
 for making up within the year

300 - -

617-3

406-17-3

To Paid y^e Committee for building
 Mr Main's house frame in part
 To Paid y^e Committee for their time
 and expenses

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Bal. 416-17-3

The above account is in old tenor

Edward Tibbette

William Chamberlain } Selectmen

Isa hebby

Benjamin Hayes } Commissioners
 Jonathan Ham

The town of Rochester's account of the Province list
 To Raised in Constable John Fenness Province
 Rate list for y^e present year 34-6-7
 To Execution Recovered against
 Somersworth 18-17-6
 Bal. 53-4-1

Ye town's Credit 53-4-1
 Ye town's Debt 45-13-5
 Balance 07-10-8
 In Constable John Fenness's hands.

Debt and Credit for y^e year 1750
 To a Receipt from the Province treasurer
 being for y^e sum of 1-2-3-4
 To Constable Fenness Rate taken of
 for making up in season 10-2
 To balance brought from Page 7
 To Cash paid for copies of a Sale in
 y^e town with Somersworth 12-6
 To Cash paid for entering y^e action
 and copies 1-13
 To y^e Jury paid -13-
 To Cash paid for copies of Judgment
 to Execution -1-6
 To paid for keeping of verdammes at
 four Courts -2-
 To paid Isaac Leby for 2 years
 Inventories 1-10
 To paid 3 agents for tending four courts
 for their time and expenses 21-17-6
 Balance 45-13-5
 To Constable John Fenness 7-10-8
 Carried to Page Bal. 53-4-1

To the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the town of Rochester such as by law are qualified to Vote in town meeting.

You are Notified of a Publick town meeting to be holden in the meeting house in Rochester on Monday the eighteenth day of this Instant March at ten of the clock in the forenoon then and there to choose all town officers for the year Ensuing as the law Directs and also to consider and Vote what sum or sums of money this town will think proper to be Raised for the Support of the Gospel Ministry in sd town for the Ensuing year also to see if this town will agree and Vote to hire a Schoolmaster for the Ensuing year also to do any other Business that this town shall think proper to be done on sd day Relating to the Gospel Ministry or any other affair that they may think proper And all Persons concerned are Desired to give their attendance at time and place Given under our hands in Rochester this 9th day of March, Anno Domini 1750/51

William Chamberlain
Edward Tibbetts
Isaac Libby

Selectmen.

Rochester March 4th 1750/51

At a legal meeting of the freeholders and Inhabitants qualified by law to Vote in town meeting

Isaac Libby Chosen Moderator for sd day.

Isaac Libby Chosen Town Clerk.

Isaac Libby
Jonathan Darn
Richard Wentworth

Chosen Selectmen.

Philip Door
Joseph Heag

Chosen Constables

James Knoles
Will^m Chamberlain

Chosen Commissioners

Daniel Winger
Markes Jennes

Assessors

Sam^l Downs
Sam^l Winger

Tything men

Jonathan Ham
Alexander Hodgdon
Joseph Tibbetts
Stephen Berry Jr

Surveyors of Highway

Isaiah Leaver
Solomon Perkins
Joshua Daves
Nat^l Tibbetts

Field Drivers

10 Voted that if any man or person that is an inhabitant of this town shall kill a grown Bear within the bounds of this town shall have ten Shillings Reward Paid by the Selectmen with his producing his head with both ears on.

- 11 Voted that if any man or person shall Kill a grown Wolf within this town shall have ten Shillings Reward provided he or they live in this town paid by the Selectmen out of the town Stock with his or their producing his head with both ears on
- 12 Voted that four hundred pounds old tenor be Raised for the Support of the Gospel Ministry for the Ensuing year.
- 13 Voted that there shall be no Schoolmaster hired in this town for the Ensuing year.
- 14 The meeting is adjourned till the 18th day of June next after this days date.

June 10th 1751 met according to adjournment and the meeting Dissolved.

To the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the town of Rochester Such as by Law are Qualified to Vote in Publick town meeting. According to the Request of a Number of the Inhabitants of this town You are hereby Notified of a Publick town meeting to be Holden in the Meeting house in Rochester on Monday the Nineteenth day of this Instant August at four of the clock in the afternoon then and there to see if this town will agree to hire a Schoolmaster for the space of three or four months also to do any other Business that this town shall think proper to be done on sd day also to hear the Request of several of the

Inhabitants of this town concerning a highway bonnement on the backe on the west side of this town to have and have to making or any other Business and all persons concerned are Desired to give their attendance at time and place. Given under our hands in Rochester this 7th day of August Anno Domini 1751.

Le^a Tibbey
Richard Wentworth } Selectmen
Jon^a Tamm

Witness of
New Hampshire } Rochester August 19th 1751.
At a legal meeting of the freeholders and Inhabitants of the town of Rochester such as by law are Qualified by Law to vote in town affairs:

Edward Tibbets chosen Moderator said Meeting.
Voted that there shall be no School for y^e time above said in y^e Notification.
And the meeting dissolved.

Rochester July 9th 1751.
I am Received of the Selectmen of Rochester the sum of thirty Pounds, four Shillings and six Pence old tenor, which is in full of all my Demands against sd town together with a Receipt which is left in Mr William Chambers hands of twenty six Pounds, sixteen Shillings old tenor.

Received For me, John Keighton

Rochester, October 7th 1750.

Then Received of the Selectmen of Rochester
the Sum of sixty five Pounds old tenor in full
of Keeping of Richard Hammock whilst in
Rochester. Received for me
Timothy Roberts.

Province of New Hampshire } March 1749. Recd of Constable
Whitehouse, Seventeen Pounds.
Eighteen Shillings four pence, three farthings
the Province tax for Rochester for the year 1749
17-18-4³/₄ Pr Geo. Jaffrey, Treasurer.

Rochester, Sept. 1st 1752.

Then Received by the hand of the Selectmen
of the town above said the Sum of ten Pounds
which is in full of all Demands I have
against sd town of Rochester.
Received for me
Isaac Lebby.

To the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the
town of Rochester, Such as by Law are Qualified
to Vote in town meeting.

That according to the Special Instance or
Request of a Sufficient Number of the Inhabi-
tants of this town to wit the Subscribers Direct-
ed to call a town meeting.

You are hereby Notified of a Publick town
meeting to be Holden in the meeting house

in Rochester on Monday the second day of
September next after this date at nine of the
clock in the forenoon then and there to see
if this town will make Provision for a High-
way convenient for the People on the South-
west Side of this town to Pass and Repass to
meeting or on any other business as their
necessary occasions call for also to see if this
town will be at the Expence of clearing out
the Ten Rod Road that leads accross this town
or any other ways that is in want of being
made use of also to see if this town will agree
to Sell of the few Privileges within the meet-
ing house and the money to be appropriated
to the Repairing and fitting up sd meeting
house also to transact and Do any thing
proper to be done on sd Day.

And all Persons concerned are Desired to give
their Attendance at time and Place.
Given under our hands this 24th day of Aug-
ust Anno Domini, 1751.

Is^a Lebby }
Richard Wentworth } Selectmen.

Province of New Hampshire } At a legal meeting of the
freeholders and Inhabitants
of Rochester Such as by Law are Qualified to
Vote in town affairs, Holden in Rochester
September 2^d, 1751.
Eus. Edward Tibbets, Chosen Moderator of sd
meeting.

- 2 Voted that the Ten Rod Road shall be cleared out from Salmon Falls River across this town to Loches River and across the same or so far as it shall or can be made passable
- 3 Voted that Alexander Hodgdon, Isaac Lebbey and William Mc Fee be a Committee to clear out sd Ten Rod Road that is Express in y^e above Vote on the town's Cost and that the Committee give the town Publick Votes when they go to work and that they render account to the town on oath of every man's work or wages and that the Selectmen for y^e time being Raise Money to Pay the Same by way of Rate as for any other town Charges
- 4 Voted that those that work on y^e way above sd shall have twenty Shillings old tenor a day for their wages also the Committee have y^e same wages for their time & trouble.
- 5 Voted that the Pew Privileges within the meeting house now standing and being in Rochester shall be Sold to those that will give most for said privileges.
- 6 Voted that Ens. Edward Lebbetts, Isaac Lebbey & Deacon Stephen Berry be a Committee to Sell of the Pew Priviledges within the meeting house now Standing and Being in Rochester above sd to those of the Inhabitants that will give most for them at a Publick Vendue as quick as may be with convenience

and that sd Committee lay out the money in fitting up Repairing sd meeting house as far as it will go and if any be left then the Remainder be Help Support or Pay the Ministers Salary for the time being for y^e year Ensuing and that sd Committee by force and Virtue of this Vote are in full power and have in themselves good Right full Power lawful authorized to Sell and Convey and Dispose of the same in manner and form as above sd and that the town shall by force and Virtue of this Vote, warrent Secure and Defend sd rights against the Claim of any person or persons whatever to those that purchase the said privileges of sd Committee and the by the Committee Selling the same it shall be accounted as a good Right or Estate of Inheritance in the Law to him that buys the same and that a Schedule and Plan be drawn of said house and every man's name that buys shall be entered in sd schedule and entered in the town Book by the Clerk of the town for the time being and that said Committee or either of them Render an account to the town at the Next annual town meeting on Oath of the Sum that said Pew Priviledges sold for and who bought them and how they laid out said money with Price of men's work that work on sd house and what they bye of Stuff and the price of the same in an account kept in manner and forme as

any other account ought to be kept so that sd money be not emblerled or put to no other use than what is above meant and mentioned.

Whereas this town of Rochester lies under a Prosentment for the want of a school being kept in sd town and to be heard and tried at the Next Court of Quarter Sessions.

The freeholders and other Inhabitants of the town above sd are Herby Notified of a Publick town meeting to be Holden in the meeting house in Rochester on Monday the eleventh day of this Instant November at ten of the clock in the forenoon then and there to choose and Empower some Person or Persons to answer sd Prosentment at sd Court also to see if the town will agree to make further Provisions for Pews than what is already made also to transact and Do any thing proper to be done on sd day.

And all Persons Concerned are Desired to give their attendance at time and place.
Given under our hands in Rochester this 2nd day of November Anno Domini 1751.

Isa^{ac} Lebby
Jon^{as} Darn
Richard Huntworth } Selectmen

Province of New Hampshire } At a legal meeting holden
in Rochester November 11th 1751. by the freeholders and Inhabitants
qualified by law to vote in town affairs.
Euseb^{ius} Edward Tabbetts chosen Moderator of sd
meeting.

2 Voted that James Place and Isaac Lebby or either of them are chosen to answer a Prosentment which this town lies under for want of a school being kept in the town above said.

3 Voted that James Place or Isaac Lebby or either of them are constituted and appointed and are hereby authorized and Empowered to be our agents or attorneys in all Causes or actions moved or to be moved for or against the Inhabitants of this town of Rochester in our Name to appear and pursue to Final Judgment and Execution with full Power of Substitution

4 Voted that there shall be further Provisions made in the meeting house in Rochester for Pews

5 Voted that the two Hind Seats on the Right Hand and on the Left Hand of the great alley in the Meeting house in Rochester be taken up and pews be built in the same place by those that by the Priviledges and said Priviledges to be sold in manner and form as the former pew Priviledges was sold and by the same Committee with the

same Rights and authority as they had to sell
the former and the Rights to be held in the
same way and manner and the money
appropriated to the same use as the former
was Reference to be had to y^e former Note for
the same

The town of Rochester's account of debt of what
is paid out of y^e Minister's list for y^e year and
Paid for the use of y^e gospel. 1751

To Paid to y^e Rev^d Mr Main 640-0-0

Compared y^e account with y^e Rate
list and found them to agree

James Knobel } Commissioners
Will Chamberlain }

The town of Rochester's account of what is out of
y^e Province Rate list for y^e year 1751.

To Paid to the Province Treasurer 18-11-0

To Paid John Place for a bear's head 10

To Paid Dr Daniel Nungit for a bear's head 10

To Paid Dr John Mialles for a bear's head 10

To Cash Paid for Defraying the Charges of a
Prosentment and attorney's fees 5-2-

To y^e Sheriff's fee paid 1-17-6

To money borrowed to pay y^e Minister's salary
in Part 2-2-6

To Paid to Samuel Nungit Dr bear's head 10

To Paid y^e agents for tending Court 2-12-1

32-5-1

To Paid to Matthew Warner Dr bear's head 32-5-1
To Paid to Charles Rogers Dr bear's head 10

33-5-1

To Cash Received of Bonstable for Hoag
and carried to y^e account in Page 5-0-1

38-5-2

The town of Rochester's account of what was
Raised in the Minister's Rate list together with
former arrearages collected for y^e year 1751

To Raised in Bonstable Philip Dore's Rate
list for the year 1751 602-2-

To Received of Bonstable Saml Whitehouse
his former arrearages brought from Page 18-7-2

To Received of Bonstable John Trickey of his
former arrearages brought from Page 1-10-

To money lent y^e town by y^e selectmen 15-14-10

640-0-0

The town of Rochester account of what was Raised
in the Province Rate list for y^e year 1751

To Raised in Bonstable Joseph Hoags
Province Rate list 38-5-2

38-5-2

To the freeholders and other Inhabitants
of the town of Rochester such as by law are
qualified to vote in town meeting
You are hereby notified of a Public town
meeting to be holden at the Meeting house in
Rochester on Monday the thirtieth day of this
Instant March at ten of the clock in the fore-
noon then and there to choose all town offi-
cers for the year ensuing as the law Directs
also to consider and vote what sum or sums
of money this town shall think proper to be
raised for the support of the Gospel Ministry
in sd town for the year ensuing also to do any
other matter or thing that this town shall
think proper to be raised for the support of
the Gospel Ministry in sd town for the year
ensuing also to do any other matter or thing
that this town shall think proper to be done
on sd day and all Persons concerned are De-
sired to give their attendance at time and place
given under our hands in Rochester this
19th day of March, Anno Domini 1752.

Isa^a Leiby
Jon^a Darn
Richard Wentworth } Selectmen.

Province of New Hampshire
At a legal meeting of the free-
holders and Inhabitants of the
town of Rochester qualified by law to vote in
town meeting, holden March 30th 1752
Mr John Bickford chosen Moderator of sd meeting.

- 2 Isaac Leiby chosen town clerk.
- 3 Voted that the Selectmen for the time past
shall not be paid for their serving as Se-
lectmen
- 4 Mrs. Edward Tibbets
Mr John Bickford } chosen Selectmen
Mr Will^m Allen
- 5 Voted that Thos Perkins shall not pay his
Rates that was made in y^e year 1742 & in 1748.
- 6 Daniel Winget } chosen Assessors.
John Trickey
- 7 Richard Wentworth } chosen Commissioners.
Benj^a Hayes
- 8 Eleazer Hinman } chosen Constables
Joseph Tibbets
John Richards
- 9 Jonathan Young } chosen tything men.
Eleazer Ham
John Garland
- 10 Ichabod Lorton } chosen Surveyors of Highways
Richard Bickford
Reuben Heard
Henry Allard
- 11 Jonathan Loppes } chosen Field Drivers
Will^m Cailles
John Hammock Jun^r
- 12 Benj^a Forst chosen Pound Keeper.
- 13 Voted that a Pound be built in a convenient
place near the meeting house on town's cost
- 14 Voted that four hundred Pounds old tenor
be raised for the support of the Gospel for

the Ensuing year.

The meeting was adjourned to Monday the 8th day of June next at three of the clock in the afternoon.

Rochester March 30, 1752

Then Received by the hands of the Selectmen the sum of two hundred and forty pounds old tenor upon the account of the arrearage money that was Due to me from this town towards making up my salary from year to year till the year of our Lord 1749 which fore-mentioned sum together with what I frankly give in to the town & take as the full of all that was Due to me upon the account of my salary to the sd Date of 1749 and so Discharge the town accordingly to that Date as witness my hand.

Amos Main.

Rochester, March 30, 1752.

Then Received of the Selectmen of sd Rochester the Sum of four hundred Pounds old tenor upon the account of my salary for the year of our Lord 1751 which sum with what I frankly give in to sd town & take for the full of my salary for sd year
Pr me Amos Main.

To the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the town of Rochester such as by law are qualified to vote in town meeting

You are hereby Notified of a Publick town Meeting to be Holden at the Meeting house in Rochester on Monday the eighth day of June next at ten of the clock in the forenoon in order to see if the town will be at the charge of Building a Bridge over Lockes River at the end of the Ten Rod Road in the home or first Division lots in Rochester or to consult some proper way to make said River passable and all Persons concerned are Desired to give their attendance at time and place. Given at Rochester this 29th day of May 1752 by order of the Selectmen
Pr Isaac Kirby, town clerk.

Province of New Hampshire } At a legal town meeting of the freeholders and Inhabitants of Rochester, qualified by law to vote in town meeting holden June 8th day 1752.

1. Mr John Bickford Shown Moderator of sd meeting
2. Voted that a Bridge be built in Rochester over Lockes River, so called, at the southwest end of the Ten Rod Road across said River over to Blind Will's neck so called on the town's cost.
3. Voted that there be a Committee to have the care or looking after the building of y^e bridge above said.

4. Voted that Jonathan Ham, Will^m Allen and Alexander Hodgdon be a Committee.

to build y^e bridge above said and that said
Committee build it on the town's cost and
that the Selectmen for the time being Raise
money by Rate on the Polls and Estates of the
Inhabitants for Payment of the same as
for any other town Charge and said Com-
mittee give the town Publick notice, when
they go to work so that the People that work
have their wages Discounted out of their Rates
and that said Committee Render an account
to the Selectmen on oath of hire workt and if
Demanded how much work he does till the
same be completed and that each man that
works have twenty Shillings old tenor for
his wages Pr day

Monday June y^e 8th, 3 of the clock 1752

Met according to adjournment and the meet-
ing was dissolved.

Province of } April, 1752.
New Hampshire

Received of Joseph Hoag, Eighteen Pounds
Eleven Shillings, y^e province tax of Rochester
for y^e year 1751.

Pr. George Jeffery, Treasurer

18-11-0

Rochester April y^e 15th 1752

Then by the Request of a Lumber & the Inhabi-
tants of the town above said we have laid
out one of the four Rod Roads on the Southwest
side of the town above said beginning at y^e
end of the ten Rod Road taking our De-
parture on y^e Southwest side of Rock River so called
then running south 48 degrees west to a four
Rod Road that leads lengthways of Wind Hill
creek, so called, by the same request laid out an-
other 4 Rod Road beginning at a corner of land
in possession of Richard Bickford at a notable
original bounds as it at present is then run-
ning southeast 2 degrees south till we came to a
line erected by Asahel Miller then running ac-
cording to the plan to the Ringier River then
returning to the corner of the above said Bick-
ford's land then running an opposite point
northwest 2 degrees north till we came to land
in possession of John Jenness and extending
by said Jenness land fifty rods or thereabouts
on the same course as we first began then
running north 30 degrees east accord the corner
of sd Jenness land to y^e common land
laid out by us

Edward Tibbets
John Bickford
Will^m Allen } Selectmen

The account of the Province Rates for y^e year 1752
Debt

To Paid to Will ^m Allen for Running of highways 2 days at 7/6 Pr day	- 15-
To Paid to Will ^m Allen for boarding y ^e School Master 4 weeks at 7/6 Pr week	1-10-
To Paid to John Bickford for boarding y ^e School Master 4 weeks at 7/6 Pr week	1-10
To Paid to John Bickford for 4 days run- ning of highways at 7/6 Pr day	1-10
To Paid to Edward Tibbets for running of highways 4 days at 7/6 Pr day	1-10
To Paid to Isaac Leiby for 2 days as run- ning of highways at 7/6 Pr day	- 15-
To Paid to Alexander Hodgdon for working on the bridge	- 9-6
To Paid to John Jenness for boarding the School Master 4 weeks at 10/ per week	2-0-0
To the Province Treasurer paid	18-4-
To Paid Edward Rollings for boarding y ^e School Master 4 weeks at 12/6 Pr week	2-10-
To Paid to John Forst for keeping of school	7-10-
To Cash paid for paper	- 1-
To Paid to John Forst for keeping school	7-10-
To Paid to Will ^m Macfee for making a pound	8-5
To Paid to Honorable Joseph Tibbets for summoning town officers	- 10-
To Paid to Honorable Joseph Tibbets for warn- ing George Loolbroth out of town	- 5-
To Honorable Joseph Tibbets Rate taken of for making up in season	12-6

To Paid to Joseph Tibbets for running of highways 2 days 7/6 Pr day	- 15-
To Paid to Mr Daniel Givie for entering a petition in y ^e general court	1-0-0
To Honorable John Jenness Ball carried to Page	7-10-8
To Paid for taking an Inventory for the year 1755	
To money "broad" for the town list	3-7-7
	70-0-3

Credit

To a former Balance in Honorable John Jenness's hands brought from Page	7-10-8
To a former Balance in Honorable Joseph Hoeg's hands brought from Page	5-0-1
To Paid in Honorable Joseph Tibbets Province Rate list y ^e Present year	57-16-6
	71-6-3

The account of the town Rates in Rochester
for year 1752 Debt.

To Paid y ^e Rev ^d Mr Amos Main	400- -
To Paid to Alexander Hodgdon by Note of the town	3-7-5
To Paid to Will ^m Fenness by a Note of y ^e town	2-11-8
To Holman's Rate taken of	3-15-10
To Paid y ^e Rev ^d Mr Main	400
To Paid y ^e Rev ^d Mr Main towards his Salary for y ^e year 1752	7-2-10
To the Balance carried to Page "	<u>22-19-7</u>
	\$ 439-17-4

Credit.

To Raised in Constable Holman's Rate list	\$ 439-17-4
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Ye town's Credit	439-17-4
Ye town's debt	<u>416-17-9</u>
	\$ 22-19-7

Bal. carried to Page "

To the freeholders and other inhabitants
of the town of Rochester sheweth we have
we qualified to vote in town meetings
we are hereby notified of which town
meeting to be holden in the Meeting House
in Rochester on Monday the nineteenth
day of this instant March at ten of the clock
in the forenoon, then and there to choose all
town officers for the ensuing year as the law
directs also to consider and vote what sum
of money this town shall think
proper to be raised for the support of the
vested Ministry in said town in the year
ensuing also to do any other matter or thing
that this town shall judge proper to be done
on said day and all Persons concerned are
desired to give their attendance at time & place
given under our hands in Rochester this
9th day of March Anno Domini 1753

John Bickford
Edward Abbotte } Selectmen
Will^m Allen }

Province of } At a legal town meeting
New Hampshire } of the freeholders and inhabi-
tants qualified by law to vote in town meet-
ing holden this 9th day of March 1753.
S^{at} Timothy Roberts chosen Moderator of said
meeting
Esac^l Abby chosen town clerk.

Ens Edward Tabbetts
 Wm^{rs} John Bickford
 Will^m Allen
 Isaac Leiby
 Charles Rogers
 Mark Janness
 Richard Bickford
 Edward Rollings
 Jonathan Damm
 James Rogers Jr
 Benj^a Richards
 Henry Dorr
 Stephen Berry Jr
 Will^m Janness
 Richard Wentworth
 Solomon Perkins
 John Vute
 Latham Leavey
 Lehabod Horn
 John Trickey
 Sam^l Drown
 Lehabod Losen
 James Knowles
 Joseph Walker Jr
 Chosen Selectmen
 Chosen Assessors
 Chosen Commissioners
 Chosen Surveyors of highways
 Chosen Constables
 Chosen Field Drivers
 Chosen Lying men
 Chosen Pound Keeper

The meeting is adjourned to the 12th day of June next ensuing at ten of the clock in the forenoon.

June y^r 12 - 1753.

Met according to adjournment.
 Voted that the Rev^d Mr Wain have four hundred pounds, old tenor, for his salary for the

present year.

The meeting dissolved.

To the freeholders and other inhabitants of the town of Rochester such as by law are qualified to vote in town meeting.

According to the request of a sufficient number of the town above by law to require a town meeting you are hereby notified of a publick town meeting to be holden in the meeting house in Rochester on Tuesday the twelfth day of this instant June at three of the clock in the afternoon then and there to see if this town will be at the charges of building a bridge over the River at Norway Plains also another bridge over the River at Squamogonnick falls also to do any other matter or thing that this town shall judge proper to be done on sd day and all persons concerned are desired to give their attendance at time and place.

Rochester, June y^r 2^d Anno Domini. 1753

by order of the Selectmen
 In L^a Leiby, Town Clerk.

Province of (At a legal town meeting of the New Hampshire freeholders and inhabitants of the town of Rochester qualified by law to vote in town meeting holden June y^r 12th 1753.

1. Capt Timothy Roberts Chosen Moderator of said meeting

2. The bridge at Norway Plain was put to vote & voted that it shall not be built at present on

the town's cost.

3 The Bridge at Squamamegonnick was put to
Vote and voted that it shall not be built
at present on the town's cost.

The meeting was dissolved.

Province of New Hampshire / Feb. 1754. Received of Honorable
Sol^d Perkins fifty seven Pounds
the Province tax of Rochester for y^r year 1758
£57-0-0 Dr Geo Jaffrey, Treasurer.

Province of New Hampshire / Jan. 1st 1755. Received of Henry
Allerd one hundred fifty nine
pounds the Province tax for the year 1755
£159 Dr Geo Jaffrey Treasurer

Debt.

The account of the town of Rochester's Province.

To Paid the Province treasurer	57-	-
To Paid to John Trickey for boarding the Schoolmaster 2 weeks at 10/ per week	1-	-
To Paid to Ens. Debbets for boarding the Schoolmaster 8 weeks at 10/ per week	4	
To Paid Ens. Debbets for taking an Inven- tory 5 days at 7/6 Pr day	1-17-	6
To Paid to Capt Roberts for Assisting in Run- ning the town line between Dover and Rochester	1-9-	6
To Paid to Isaac Leiby for 5 Days taking an Inventory at 7/6 Pr day	2-	5-
To 2 1/2 days for assisting in running the line between Dover and Rochester	-18-	9
To Paid to John Buckford for 5 days taking an Inventory at 7/6 Pr day	1-7-	6
To a day himself and horse to the bank to make a Return	-10-	
To 3 days running the line between Dover and Rochester at 7/6 a day	1-2-	6
To 12 1/2 days work at 5/ per day a building bridges and clear of the ten rod road across y ^r town	30-	5-
To Paid to Will ^m Allen for boarding y ^r Schoolmaster	1-	5-
To 14 days work on the bridge & ten rod road at 5/2 shillings Pr day	3-16-	
To Paid to John Plumer for boarding y ^r school master 4 weeks at 10/ Pr week	2-	
To Paid James Place for tending Lout	2-2-	
To 5 days on clearing of y ^r highways	1-	5
To Paid Will ^m Ford for keeping school	3-15-	
	45-	12-9

Rate list for the year 1753 Credit
To Raised in Constable Solomon Perkins

Province Rate list

136-12-6

To a Bal. in Constable John Fenness's
hands brought from page

7-10-8

144-3-2

The freeholders and Inhabitants of the town
of Rochester that are qualified by law to vote
in town meeting that there is a Publick
town meeting to be holden in the Meeting
house in Rochester on Monday the twenty
fourth day of this Instant September at
three of the clock in the afternoon in order to
choose a Committee to join with a Commit-
tee from Dover, Nottingham and Barrington
to Preambulate or New Run the lines between
each of the towns above said and All Persons
concerned are Desired to give their attendance
at time and place. Rochester September y^e 20th
1753 by order of the Selectmen

L^{sa} Lebbey, town Clerk.

Province of (At a legal town meeting
New Hampshire) Holden by the freeholders and
Inhabitants qualified by law to vote in
town meeting holden in Rochester September
y^e 24th day 1753

1 Capt Timothy Roberts Shown Moderator of
said meeting.

2 Capt Timothy Roberts, John Pickford and

Lease Lebbey Shown to be a Committee to
join a Committee from Dover and Barring-
ton In order to Preambulate or new Run the
line between each town, each town bearing
their equal proportion of the charges.

November y^e 10th 1753.

Pursuant to the Power given us the subscribers
by the votes of the town of Dover and Rochester
Pursuant to the same we the subscribers
have Preambulated the line between Dover
and Rochester as followeth that is to say
beginning at a Dry Pitch pine tree standing
at a place now known by the name of West
Point by Salmon falls River the sd Dry Pitch
pine tree standing three Rods Due southwest
from the lower side of a certain Cove being
the Cove next adjacent to the uppermost
head of the little fall so called, and above
the head of the Riffing of the water and
fifteen Rods and three feet south sixty de-
grees west from a large round rock near
the middle of the river at the head of said
falls & Riffels and five rods due south thir-
ty two Degrees east from a large white birch
standing by said river which Dry Pitch pine
was proved by a number of Evidences to be
the original head bounds of Dover we be-
gun at sd tree and run south about forty
two degrees west and spotted above the old
spotted trees which was in the source, which

Course leads through a bolt in the earth
Commonly known by and called by the
name of the Hopper on the westerly side of
Locheco River to the edge of the hill on the
westerly side of the said bolt the line end-
ing between two Pitch pine trees which is
marked with a number of letters and the
Date of the year marked on said trees..

Preambulated by us

John Gage
John Parker
Timothy Roberts
L^a Libby

Committee

The town of Rochester's account of the Ministers
List for y^e year 1753
To Raised in Hon^{ble} Richard Wentworth's
Rate list in old tenor

Credit
£ 453-17-0

The town of Rochester's account of the Minis-
ters list for y^e year 1753
Debt.

To Voted y^e Rev^d Mr Amos Main,
old tenor

400-0-0

To Drawbacks made for men gone 5-10-

To Paid y^e Rev^d Mr Main towards his
Salary for y^e year 1754 8-1-

To Paid in to the Province list for
Money borrowed out of Hon^{ble}
Hoegs list to pay y^e ministers salary
and paid to the bridge money

15-8-4

445-10-4

To y^e balance carried to Page

8-6-8

453-17-0

Ye town's Credit 453-17-0
Ye town's Debt 445-8-11
008-6-8

Bal. Carried to Page

To the freeholders and Inhabitants of the town of Rochester qualified by Law to Vote in town meeting

You are hereby notified of a Publick town meeting to be holden in the meeting house in Rochester on Monday the eighteenth day of this Instant March at ten of clock in the forenoon then and their to Choose all town officers for the year ensuing also to Vote what sum or sums of money this town shall think proper to be Raised for the support of the Gospel the Ensuing year also to do any other matter or thing that this town shall judge proper to be done on said day and all Persons concerned are Desired to give their attendance at time and place
Rochester March y^e 8th 1754

By order of the Selectmen

Or L^d Leby town clerk.

Province of (At a legal town meeting of New Hampshire) the freeholders and Inhabitants of the town of Rochester, qualified by Law to Vote in town meeting holden March y^e 8th 1754

1 L^d Timothy Roberts chosen Moderator of said meeting.

2 Isaac Leby, town clerk.

3 The meeting was adjourned to May next the 20th day of the same at ten of the clock on sd day

May y^e 20th 1754.

Met according to adjournment.

Ensign Edward Bisette

4 Isaac Leby } Selectmen

L^d Timothy Roberts

5 Richard Rickford } Constables

John Vute

6 John Highton } Assessors

Richard Wentworth

7 Stephen Berry } Commissioners

Joseph Walker

Mark Janness

8 Ruben Heard } Pything men

Will^m Cailles

Jonathan Ham

9 Alexander Hodgdon } Surveyors of the highways

Will^m Chamberlain

Ichabod Losen

10 Edward Rollings Pound Keeper

Esthamer Leavel

11 John Wallingford } Field Drivers

Joseph Hoag

Stephen Berry Jr

12 Voted that four hundred and fifty pounds old tenor be Raised for the support of the Gospel the Ensuing year.

13 The meeting was adjourned to the 9th day of September next at ten of the clock in said day

By the request of a sufficient number of the Inhabitants of the town of Rochester to call a town meeting.

You are Hereby Notified of a Publick town meeting to be Holden at the Meeting house in Rochester on Monday the twentieth day of May Instant at twelve of the clock in said day in order to see if this town will be at the charge of buying a Road from the mills at Squanamogonick up to the four rod road that leads acrost the Neck also to build a bridge over the River near said mills also to see if the town will build a bridge over the River at Norway Plain at the most convenient place for building sd bridge and all Persons concerned are Desired to give their attendance at time and place.

Rochester May ye 10th 1754

By order of the Selectmen

Pr L^d Leby, town clerk.

Province of New Hampshire } At a legal town meeting holden May ye 20th 1754, by the freeholders and Inhabitants of the Town of Rochester Qualified by Law to Vote in town meeting.

1. Capt Timothy Roberts Chosen Moderator of said meeting

2. Voted that the Selectmen View the Land from Squanamogonick River at the most convenient place near the mills for a Road

to lead from sd river up to the four rod road that leads acrost Blind Mill neck, as called and to agree with the owners of the Land for the Price of sd road and to make a Return to the town of their Doings at the next meeting

3. Voted that a bridge shall be built over Squanamogonick River at the most convenient Place near the mills and that the Selectmen Raise money for the same by a Tax on the Polls and Estates of the Inhabitants to pay that Part of their Rates in harbor on said bridge if they see cause otherwise in money.

4. Voted that John Haighton and James Place be a Committee to carry on the building the bridge at Squanamogonick above said and that they give the town notice when they go to work so that every man has an equal chance to work if they see fit.

Voted that a bridge be built over the River at Norway Plain at the most convenient Place near the mills and that the Selectmen Raise money on the Polls and Estates of the Inhabitants for building said bridge by a tax as for any other town charges but that the Inhabitants pay that part of their Rates in harbor on said bridge if they see cause and if not then in money

5. Voted that Capt Timothy Roberts and Edward Rollings be a Committee to carry

on the building said bridge at Norway Plain above said and that they give the town notice when they go to work so that every man have an equal chance to work on the same if they see cause

7 Voted that each man that works on the two bridges above said shall have five Shillings a day wages, new tenor, and that the Committee have the same wages and that they keep a just account of "hire" work and how many and make a Return of the same to the Selectmen on oath if Required.

8 The meeting adjourned to the 10th day of June next at ten of the clock in the forenoon

Rochester September 23, 1755.

Received of the Selectmen of sd town the sum of four hundred pounds old tenor money & by way of Discount it being so much upon the account of my salary from sd town for the year of our Lord 1752 for which sum and with what I freely give in to the town I discharge the sd town of Rochester from any further Demands upon them from me as to my salary from them for the sd year of our Lord 1752 As witness my hand

Amos Main.

Rochester, Aug 5, 1754

Received of the Selectmen of sd town the sum of four hundred pounds old tenor money and by way of Discount it being up on the account of my salary for the year of our Lord 1753 for which sum & with what I freely give in to the town I discharge the sd town of Rochester from any further Demands upon them as to my salary for the aforesaid year As witness my hand

Amos Main.

Province of Portsmouth March 20th 1755.
New Hampshire Received of Honorable John Vute one hundred forty seven pounds the Province tax of Rochester for year 1754
Dr George Jaffrey, Treasurer.

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The account of the Province Rate list
Ye town's debt

To Paid to y ^e Province treasurer	147-	-
To Paid to Sam ^r Turnbly for a wolf's head	1-	
To Paid Constable Vute for summoning town officers	-5-	6
To Paid Capt Timothy Roberts for boarding the schoolmaster & weeks at 10 ^{rs} week	2-	-
To Paid Capt Timothy Roberts for 2 days on surveying of highways	-15-	
To Paid Cms Edward Tibbets for sur- veying of highways	-15-	
To Paid to Isaac Abby 2 days surveying of highways	-15-	
To Paid for doing y ^e town's writings	1-	10-
To Paid to Mr Parker for advice on the Notes	1-	5-
	155-	5-6

The account of the Minister's Rate list
Debt

To Paid y ^e Revd Mr Main in part of his Salary for y ^e year 1754 in old tenor	397-	6-
To a Drawback on Clinton Dam's Rate who left the town	2-	16-
To Paid y ^e Revd Mr Main to make up his Salary of what was voted him for the year 1754, old tenor	52-	14-
To Paid y ^e Revd Mr Main as part of his arrears voted him March 1755 it being the whole of his account in old tenor.	23-	8-8
	476-	4-8

for the year 1754. ^{to town's credit.}
To raised in Constable for Constable Rate
list for y^e year 1754 157-9-3

Forchester August y^e 4th 1756

for the year 1754 Credit.
To raised in Constable Richard
Bickford's Rate list y^e present year
To Balance brought from Page
To Balance brought from Page

444-	18-
8-	6-8
22-	19-7
476-	4-3

To the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the town of Rochester such as by law are qualified to vote in town meeting. You are hereby notified of a publick town meeting to be holden at the meeting house in Rochester Monday the twenty fourth day of this Instant March at ten of the clock in the forenoon then and there to choose all town officers for the year ensuing as the law directs, also to vote what sum or sums of money this town shall think proper to be raised for the support of the Gospel Ministry for the year ensuing also to act something concerning the upper bridge the account being somewhat imperfect also to act any other matter or thing that the town shall judge proper to be done on sd day and all persons concerned are Desired to give their attendance at time and place.

Rochester March y^t 15th 1755

By order of the Selectmen

Or L^s^a Leby, town clerk

Province of New Hampshire } At a legal town meeting holden by the freeholders and other Inhabitants of y^e town of Rochester on Monday March y^t 24th 1755.

1 John Bickford } Moderator of sd meeting
2 L^s^a Leby } Town clerk.

- 3 L^s^a Leby } Selectmen
- 4 John Bickford
- 5 Edward Wentworth
- 6 John Brown } Constables
- 7 Elisha Tibbets
- 8 John Frickey } Assessors
- 9 Will^m Guinness
- 10 Alexander Hodgdon } Commissioners
- 11 Jonathan Darn
- 12 Moses Hayes
- 13 Abraham Cook } Tithing men
- 14 Stephen Berry Jr
- 15 John Plummer
- 16 James Rogers } Surveyors of the highways
- 17 Eleazar Ham
- 18 Will^m Allen
- 19 Saml Tibbets
- 20 Abraham Place } Field Drivers
- 21 Saml Twombly Jr
- 22 John Hammock Jr
- 23 Eleazar Solomon } Pound Keeper
- 24 Saml Twombly } Teller of Staves
- 25 Ebenezer Place } Teller of Shingles.
- 26 Voted one hundred and thirty five pounds new tenor for the support of the Gospel the year ensuing.
- 27 Voted y^e Rev^d Mr Amos Wain to make up his last year salary twelve pounds, ten shillings, new tenor.
- 28 The meeting adjourned to April next the 7th day at 2 of y^e clock in y^e afternoon

April 7th 1755. Met according to adjournment and Mr Thos Brown came in the meeting and paid his fine for not serving as constable.

16 Jonathan Ham chosen constable in the place of Thos Brown who paid his fine.

17 Voted that the account that the Committee kept for the Bridge at Norway Plain River be not allowed by the Selectmen but be void and of no effect.

18 Voted that every man that work on the upper Bridge at Norway Plain bring their accounts to the Selectmen on oath of how many days he work on said Bridge and then the Selectmen to allow the same.

19 Will^m Allen came into the meeting and entered his Dissent against the two last votes.

20 Joseph Tibbets came into the meeting and entered his Dissent against the two last votes.

21 Elijah Tibbets came into the meeting and entered his Dissent against the two last votes.

22 The meeting adjourned to the 15th day of June next at twelve of ye clock in said day 1755.

23 June 15th 1755

Met according to adjournment.

24 Elijah Tibbets came into the meeting and paid his fine for not serving as a constable.

25 Henry Allard chosen constable.

Rochester Nov. 15th 1750.

Received Constable John Rogers the sum of two Pounds four shillings and nine pence, new tenor, which with other debts due before is in full of his rate list for the year 1753.

Rec^d by us

Daniel Kingett
Will^m Chamberlain } Selectmen
James Rogers Jr

Rochester Nov. 15th 1756

Received Constable John Rogers the sum of one hundred and sixty two Pounds sixteen shillings and a Penny which is in full of his rate list committed to him for the year 1754

Rec^d by us

Daniel Kingett
Will^m Chamberlain } Selectmen
James Rogers Jr

Rochester August 4th 1756

By the request of a number of the inhabitants of the town above sd we laid out a way across a corner of John Fenner's land extending the Road that comes from Kinglass Bridge (called) to the common land above said Fenner's lot as the way now stands. laid out by us

Daniel Kingett
Will^m Chamberlain } Selectmen
James Rogers Jr

Rochester Nov 15th 1756

Then Recd of the selectmen the sum of eight Pounds, two Shillings, and ten Pence, old tenor, for the above sd highway across my land, as the way now stands with which said sum I am fully satisfied and contented and have no further claims on the town for said highway

Witness my hand

John Jenness

The town of Rochester's account of the Province
The town's Credit.

To Raised in Jonstable Allerd list 167-3-

To Balance in Jonstable John Jenness

hands brought from Page

7-10-8

To Received of Elijah Tibbets as his fine 5

179-13-8

The town of Rochester's account of the
Credit 1755.

To Raised in Jonstable for Ham's list
in old tenor

501-13-8

list for y^e year 1755 To town's Debt.

To Paid the Province treasurer 159- -

To Paid Richard Rickford for boarding
the Schoolmaster in y^e year 1753 2- -

four weeks at 10/ the week

To Paid the selectmen for their services 5- -

To Paid Joseph H. reay for a highway 6-5

172-5-5

Minister's list for y^e year 1755.

Paid to Mr Main 501-13-8

To the freeholders and Inhabitants of the town
of Rochester I qualified by law to vote in town
meeting. You are hereby notified of a Pub-
lick town meeting to be holden in the meet-
ing house in Rochester on Monday the twenty
ninth day of this Instant March at ten of the
clock in the forenoon then and there. to choose
all town officers for the year ensuing also to
see what sum or sums of money this town
shall think proper to be raised for the support
of the Gospel the ensuing year also to see if
this town will vote, conform and allow and
approve of all the votes that past in a town
meeting holden May y^e 20th 1754 for the Building
two Bridges one over the river at Squamangon-
nick and the other over the river at Norway
Plain and pay the charge as was then voted

Also to see if this town will be at the cost of Building a Bridge over the River at the end of the ten Rod Road where it formerly stood also to do any other matter or thing that this town shall judge proper to be done on sd day and all Persons concerned are Desired to give their attendance at time and place.

Rochester, March y^r 19, 1756

By order of the Selectmen
Pr. Isaac Leiby, town clerk.

At a legal town meeting holden by the freeholders and Inhabitants of the town of Rochester, March y^r 29th 1756.

1 Ens Edward Tibbets Moderator

2 Jon^{as} Darn Town Clerk.

Daniel Winget

3 Will^m Chamberlain Selectmen

James Rogers Jr

The meeting adjourned to the 12th day of April next at 12 of the clock in sd day.

April y^r 12, 1756 Met according to adjournment

4 Stephen Perry Jr Constables

Moses Hayes

5 William Allen Assessors

John Macfee

6 Mark Jemness Commissioners

Joseph Tibbets

The meeting adjourned to Monday y^r 19th of April at ten of the clock in sd day

April y^r 19th met according to adjournment

Quincy Heard
7 John Trickey
Joseph Walker Jr
Ephraim Seavey

Tything men

8 Eleazar Solomon

Caron Tibbets

John Heighton

Samuel Tibbets

Surveyors of highways

Joseph Hoeg

9 Abraham Place

Samuel Brown

Solomon Perkins

Richard Tickford

Field Drivers

10 Eleazar Solomon Pound Keeper.

11 Voted to be Raised for the Support of the Gospel one hundred and thirty five Pounds, new tenor for the year ensuing.

12 Voted to build the Bridge over the River at the end of the ten rod road where it formerly stood at the town's cost to be set up at a Public Vendue to the lowest Bidder to be set up by the Selectmen and to Raise money by a Rate on the Polls and Estates to Defray the charge of Building sd Bridge.

13 It was Put to Vote whether to lay in a town stock of ammunition according to orders from the Colonel or Pay the fine if Demand ed and it was voted to Pay the fine when they could not help it.

14 It was Put to vote to choose a Committee to Examine the accounts of a Committee

that was chosen at a town meeting holden September 2^d 1751 to sell of the few Priviledges and to fit up the meeting house in Rochester to see how sd money was laid out.
And the meeting Dissolved.

Rochester May 30th 1756.

Pursuant to the vote of the town we the Selectmen Proceed to set up at a Publick Vendue to the lowest Bidder a Bridge to build over Loches River, so called where one formerly stood the Dimensions of which are as follows Viz: A good Pier in the middle of the River of fourteen foot square framed in mud sills of thirty foot long or upwards up and Down Stream and well braced in the mud sills and girts all of oak timber and good Wharffs from each shore towards the Pier leaving a water house of about thirty foot each side of the Pier, the sd Pier to be well filled with stones and four good substantial String Pieces from side to side of thirteen or fourteen inches square and covered with best timber of five inches thick and the middle of the bridge to be higher than the bend on each shore

And the Subscriber promise to build the aforesd bridge according to the above Dimensions by or before the 20th of August next Severities of the season excepted to the acceptance of the town for the sum of one hundred and

ninety eight Pounds, old tenor, or forfeit one hundred Pounds and if it appear that the Bridge is deceitfully built and not to answer the above Dimensions to the towns acceptance I forfeit all my labour when the Bridge is done
Witness my hand

Rochester May 30, 1756.

Witness
Jon^a Dam
William Jenness

Eleazar Hodgdon

Rochester, March 21st 1757

I then Received the arrearage money Due to me towards my Salary for the year of our Lord 1754 and 1755 of the Selectmen it being in full As witness my hand

Amos Main.

To the freeholders and Inhabitants of the town of Rochester such as are Qualified by Law to Vote in town affairs Whereas this town or the Selectmen are liable to a fine Presentment for not keeping of a school which has been threatened by several

You are hereby notified of a Publick town meeting to be holden in the meeting house in Rochester on Monday the nineteenth day of this Instant July at two of the clock in the afternoon, then and there to see if this town will agree to hire a schoolmaster three or four months or as shall be then thought proper

and also to see if this town will see fit to choose a committee to examine the accounts of a committee that was chosen at a town meeting the twenty fourth of August 1751 to sell of the Pew Privileges in the meeting house in Rochester and also to see if this town will allow and confirm all the votes that Past in a town meeting holden in the meeting house in Rochester on May the 20th 1759 for Building two Bridges one over the River at Norway Plain and the other at Squamamegonnick and Pay the charge as was then voted and to Do any other matter or thing this town shall think proper to be done on sd day and all Persons concerned are Desired to give their attendance at time and place
Rochester July 4th 1756.

By order of the Selectmen

Jon^a Dam } Town Clerk

Province of } At a legal town meeting hold-
New Hampshire } in the meeting house in
Rochester on Monday the 19th day of July 1756
Isaac Leiby } Chosen Moderator of sd meeting
Voted that There shall be no schoolmaster hired in the town for the year Present but the town to Pay the fine if Recovered by a Presentment.

Voted that there be a committee chosen to examine the accounts of the Pew Committee that was chosen to sell of the Pew Privileges

in the meeting house in Rochester.
Elearas Holman } Chosen Committee
Jon^a Dam }
Voted the above account of the Pew committee be brought in our next annual meeting on oath if required.

The Bridge at Norway Plain was Put to Vote for a Confirmation according to the Notification and Voted in the Negative.

The Bridge at Squamamegonnick was Put to Vote for a Confirmation according to the foregoing Notification and Voted in the Negative.

And the meeting Dissolved

Province of } March 6, 1757. Received of Stephen
New Hampshire } Perry Jr, the Province tax of Roches-
ter for the year 1756 being two hundred forty seven pounds, ten shillings.
£ 247-10-0 Per Geo. Jaffrey, treasurer.

Rochester March 4th 21, 1757.
Then Received of Jonathan Mores Hayes the sum of six hundred and nineteen Pounds twelve shillings, old tenor, which is in full of his Rate list committed to him to collect for the year of our Lord 1756.

Rec^d by us

Daniel Kingett } Selectmen
James Rogers Jr. }

Rochester March 21, 1757.

Then Received of the Selectmen of sd town upon the account of my salary for the year of our Lord 1756 in money and by way of Discount the sum of five hundred and forty Pounds old tenor and freely giving in the Depreciation of the money to the town I receive the said sum in full for sd year 1756.

As witness my hand Date abovesaid
Amos Main.

The town of Rochester's account Debt & Credit.
of Province Rate List.

Raised in Constable Stephen Berry Jun^r Rate List
286-4-8

Received of John Jenness of his
arrears 7-10-8

Received of Solomon Perkins of his
arrears 2-4-9

Received of John Hute of his arrears 3- -1
299-0-8

An account of the town's Debt 1755.

Paid to the Province Treasurer 277-10-

Paid to John Jenness for a highway 2- -3

Paid to Capt Thos. Waldron for Running
a highway and Drawing a Plan of
the same 1-5-

Paid to the Selectmen for Running
highways and letting out the Bridge to
Eliasar Hodgdon 4- -

For a copy of highways of the town Book 26

Paid to James Rogers Jun^r for a highway 7-10-

Paid to Jonathan Young for a highway 7-10-

To Balance left in Stephen Berry Jun^r's
hands 29-2-2
299-0-5

Rochester March 27th 1758

Then Received of Constable John Hurd the sum of six hundred thirty Pounds, eighteen shillings and four pence, Old tenor which is in full of his Rate list committed to him to collect for the year 1751 and likewise Discharge him accordingly for that sum in the town's behalf.

Daniel Wingett
William Chamberlain } Selectmen.
James Rogers Jun^r

An account of the Minister's Rate list for the year 1756.

Raised on Ulores Hayes list	619-12-0
To Thomas Brown's fine for not serving Constable	20-0-0
	539-12-0

Paid to Mr Main for the year 1756	540-0-0
His arrearages Paid for the year 1754	26-11-4
His arrearages Paid for the year 1755	38-6-4
To money left in the selectmen's hands for the year 1756	34-14-4
This account in old tenor	639-12-0

Rochester June 27, 1757.

Then by the Request of a Number of the Inhabitants of the town abovesaid we Run out a Part of the four rod road between Dover and Rochester. Beginning at the south west corner of John Knowles' land and so running by sd Dover line until we came up to the former wheel way that leads from Samuel Barney's up over a common lot in Rochester and then by reason of a large Boggy Vault in the ground we Proceeded through said common lot setting off from said wheel way and Running north 36 rods to a Norway Pine tree and then by Reason of broken ground we run from said tree north fifty Degrees East twelve Rods to a Birch tree and from said tree north seven degrees east fifty six rods and from thence to

the four rod road that leads from Dover line up by John Macfee's to Squamamegonnick mill laid out by us the day and year abovesaid

Daniel Kingett } selectmen
James Rogers Junr }

Rochester August 4th 1756

Then by the Request of a Number of the Inhabitants of the town abovesaid we laid out a highway on the south west corner of the town abovesaid beginning at Lsinglass Bridge, so called, Running south 57 Degrees west 57 rods to a Pitch Pine tree and from sd tree south 20 Degrees East to Barrington line and so Down by Barrington to the four rod road between Dover and Rochester and by the same Request Bought and laid out another highway of two rods wide across land of Jon^r Young and James Rogers Junr. Beginning at the northeast corner of Samuel Brown's land, Running southeast 2 Degrees south to Daniel McWeels land then south 20 Degrees west to the four rod road that leads from James Rogers Junr down to the Lsinglass Bridge so called. Laid out By us

Daniel Kingett } selectmen
Wm Chamberlain }

To all Persons to whom these Presents may come
Greeting. Knowye that we Jon^a Young and James
Rogers Jun^r Both of Rochester in the Province of
New Hampshire for and in consideration of the
sum of sixty Pounds old tenor in hand Paid
before the signing hereof do give Bargain, alien
convey and confirm unto the town of Rochester
the above mentioned highways and acknow-
ledge ourselves to be the true and lawful owners
of the lots through which said highways Run
and do acquit the town of any further Demands
on them for said highways.

To have and to hold the above mentioned
highways free and clear to the use of the town
forever and we bind ourselves our heirs and
assigns to warrent secure and defend the
town of Rochester against the lawful claims
of any Person or Persons whatsoever for said high-
ways witness our hands this 2d day of March
Anno Domini 1757

Jonathan ^{his} Young
James Rogers Jun^r

To the freeholders and Inhabitants of the
town of Rochester such as by law are Qualified
to Vote in town meeting
You are hereby notified of a Publick town
meeting to be holden in the meeting house
in Rochester on Monday the twenty eighth
day of this Instant March at ten of the clock

in the forenoon then and there to choose all
town officers for the present year as the law
Directs also to vote what sum or sums of money
this town shall think proper to be Raised
for the support of the Gospel Ministry for
the Present year also to see if this town will
hear the Request of the people on Blind Hills
beck, so called, concerning the Building a Bridge
over the Springglass River also to chose some suit-
able Person or Persons as a committee to view
and accept or Refuse the Bridge Built by Ele-
zar Hodgdon according as they shall find it
to agree or not agree with the articles he took
said Bridge upon also to Do any other matter
or thing this town shall think proper to be
done on said day. And all Persons concerned
are Desired to give attendance at the time and
Place. Rochester March ye 19th 1757

by order of the Selectmen
by Jon^a Dam } Town Clerk.

Province of { At a legal town meeting holden
New Hampshire } in the meeting house in Roches-
ter by the freeholders and Inhabitants, Quali-
fied by law to Vote in town meeting on the
28th day of March 1757.

Isaac Libby } Chosen Moderator
Jon^a Dam } Town Clerk

Daniel Kingett
 William Chamberlain } Selectmen
 James Rogers Jr
 John Hurd } Constables
 Peter Wallingford
 Wentworth Hayes } Commissioners
 William Mcfee
 Rich^d Hutter } Assessors
 Rich^d Wentworth
 Eleazar Holman } Surveyors of the highways
 Schabod Loven
 Thomas Young
 Lemuel Pickford
 Mark Jenness } Tything men
 Thomas Farlin
 Samuel Whitehouse }
 Elizah Gobbetts } Field Drivers
 John Musseat
 Paul Jenness
 Eleazar Holman } Pound Keeper

It was put to vote whether to choose any hog-reeves year may - and it was voted in, in the negative.

Voted for the support of the Gospel Ministry for the year 1757 six hundred and forty pounds old tenor.

James Place
 William Allen } Chosen a committee to
 Nathaniel Varney } View the Bridge built by
 River at the end of the ten rod road and to
 see if the sd Bridge be built according to the

articles he took it upon and make a Report to the town when this meeting comes on by adjournment of the circumstances of the Bridge and whether they think it will Do ye or no the town may act in the Payment as they shall see fit.

It was Put to Vote to see whether the town would Build a Bridge over the Linglass River where the old Bridge now stands ye or may and it was voted in the Negative

The meeting is adjourned to the second Monday in June next at ten of the clock in the forenoon.

June ye 13th 1757 Met according to adjournment.

It was Put to Vote to see if the town will accept of the Bridge Built by Eleazar Hodgdon in the circumstances it is in at Present for the same he agreed for or no and it was Voted in the Negative.

Voted to Eleazar Hodgdon for building the aforesaid Bridge, one hundred pounds old tenor.

Rochester, June ye 13th 1757.

& the subscriber Received of the Selectmen the sum of one hundred pounds, old tenor, in full for building said Bridge and To acquit the town of all former obligations, Dues, Debts and Demands on the town for Building said Bridge.

As witness my hand, Eleazar Hodgdon.

Province of New Hampshire } February 1, 1758 Received of Peter
Hallingford three hundred
three Pounds, fifteen shillings the Province tax
of Rochester for y^e year 1757.
£303-15-0. By George Jaffrey, Treasurer

Rochester April y^e 4th 1755.

Then by the Request of a Number of the In-
habitants of the town above said we have
laid out or new-run according to Plan Ex-
cepting a bend hereafter mentioned a four
rod road on Salmon falls side so called sd
road running at the northeasterly end of Ich-
abod Losen's land, Joseph Hoeg's land and be-
tween the ends of Joseph Hoeg, Joseph Tibbets,
William Allen, and Aaron Tibbets and so
between the ends of the other lots until we
came up to the ten rod road beginning at a
Dry Red oak tree being the lowest corner
bounds of William Weymouth Deceased his
land and near Dover head line and running
in the center of said Road Northwest two De-
grees north up to the northeasterly end of Joseph
Hoeg's land and to a large Vault in the earth
or cove from the River which intercepts said
Road then running a circular or curb line
into the end of sd Joseph Hoeg's land, leaving
said Vault or cove about four rods and keep-
ing our circular or curb line round sd Vault
or cove about 28 rods until we came to the
center of said road again then running

our former course northwest 2 degrees north
until we came up to the ten rod road that
heads across the town from Salmon falls
River to Lockes River.

laid out by us the day and year above said
Jno Bickford } Selectmen
Es^{re} Lebbey }

This may certify that we the subscribers have
Paid to Joseph Hoeg twenty five Pounds old tenor
in full satisfaction and to the said Hoeg's ac-
ceptance for that Part of the Road that is men-
tioned in this Return that runs into his land
Rochester, March y^e 22, 1756

Witness

Joseph Tibbets } Jno Bickford } Selectmen.
William Allen } Es^{re} Lebbey }

Rochester Nov. y^e 4, 1757.

Then by the Request of a number of the In-
habitants of the town above said we laid out a
highway according to Plan Beginning at Dover
line at the center of said way between the ends
of John Knowles' lot on the one side and a
common lot on the other side and so between
the ends of the lots of Solomon Perkins and Benj^m
Darn and so running northwest two Degrees
north in the center of said way up by Moses Hayes
to the ten rod road that runs across the town
from Salmon falls River to Lockes River.
And also by the same Request we Run a part

of another highway Beginning at Dover line
 setting of four Pole from the southwest corner
 bound of Samuel Swombly's lot which is a heap
 of stones on a flat Rock and so Run over course
 northwest two Degrees north at the north ends
 of the common lot that lays there and John
 Muscat and Samuel Herron to Joseph Pearl's north
 east corner bound. laid out by us the day and
 year abovesaid

Daniel Wingett } Selectmen
 James Rogers Jr }

Rochester March y^e 25th 1758
 Recd of Constable Peter Wallingford the sum
 of three hundred seventy two Pounds ten
 shillings and nine Pence which is in full
 of his Rate list committed to him to collect
 for the year 1757.

Recd by us

Daniel Wingett } Selectmen
 William Chamberlain }
 James Rogers Jr }

The account of the Ministers list 1757

The towns Credit

Raised in Constable John Ward Rate list 630-18-7
 To money left in the selectmen's hands
 last year

34-14-4

665-12-8

The town's Debt.

Paid to Mr Main for his salary 1757 640--
 left in the selectmen's hands 23-3-7
 To Jon^a Rogers Jun Rate who is gone into
 the army which said Ward is to get
 and pay the town if he comes home again 2-9-7
 This account in old tenor 665-12-8

An account of the Province list 1757

The town's Debt.

Paid to the Province Treasurer 303-15-0
 Paid for repairing the Bridge built by
 Hodgdon 14-2-6
 Paid to John First of Rochester for keep-
 ing school 25-0-0
 Paid for Boarding the Schoolmaster 10-0-8
 Paid to John Rickford for running
 highways 1-10
 Paid Moses Hayes for summoning
 the town officers 5-3
 Paid to the Selectmen for running
 highways & doing the town's business 6-13-5
 To Constable Wallingford's taken of for making up
 with the year 4-19-10
 To money left in the selectmen's hands 6-9-9
 342-10-9

The town's Credit on the Province List 1757
 Raised in Constable Peter Wallingford's
 List 372-10-9

To money left in Stephen Berry Junr
 hands brought from Page 29-2-2

Rochester March 27 1758.

Then Read of the Selectmen of sd town of Roches-
 ter upon the account of my salary for the year
 Past in said town the sum of six hundred
 and forty pounds old tenor which giving in
 the Depreciation of the money & receive in
 full for sd year and Discharge the town ac-
 cordingly. Pr Amos Main.

Rochester March 26th 1759.

Then Read of the Selectmen of sd town on the
 town's behalf eight hundred and ten pounds
 money and by way of Discount old tenor with
 what I give in to the town upon the account
 of the Depreciation of the money & take in full
 for my salary for the Past year

Read for me

Amos Main.

To the freeholders and Inhabitants of the town
 of Rochester such as by Law are Qualified to
 Vote in town meeting
 You are hereby notified of a Publick town meet-

ing to be holden in the meeting house in
 Rochester on Monday the twenty seventh day of
 this Instant March at ten of the clock in said
 day then and there to chuse all town officers
 for the year ensuing as the Law Directs and
 also to Vote what sums of money this town will
 Raise for the Support of the Gospel Ministry
 for the year ensuing and likewise to see if this
 town will agree to Build a Bridge over the Lin-
 glass River where the highway crosses sd River
 and also to chuse and empower some suitable
 Person or Persons as a Committee to examine
 the accounts of a committee that sold of the
 Two Priviledges in the meeting house in said
 town to see how the money the Priviledges were
 sold for was or has been appropriated and laid
 and also to see if this town will sign a Petition
 and chuse a suitable Person as agent to Present
 it to the general court of this Province to beg
 leave not to have any men Imprestd out of
 this frontier in case there should be a Press in
 the other towns this year in this Province and
 also to do any other Business this town may
 think proper to be done on said day and all
 Persons concerned are Desired to give attend-
 ance at the time and Place

Rochester, March 27th 1758

By ordered of the Selectmen
 Pr Jon^{as} Dani, Town Clerk.

Province of New Hampshire
At a legal town meeting holden
in Rochester, Monday the twenty
seventh day of March 1758

- 1 James Placé } Town Moderator
- 2 Jon^a Darn } Town Clerk
- 3 Daniel Wingett } Selectmen
- William Chamberlain }
- James Rogers Jr }
- 4 Thomas Young } Constables
- William Allen }
- 5 Moses Hayes } Assessors
- Jon^a Hark }
- 6 Eleazar Lotman } Commissioners
- Wentworth Hayes }
- Samuel Wingett }
- 7 Stephen Berry Jr } Surveyors of the highways
- Jonathon Hodgdon }
- Robert Knight }
- 8 Eleazar Ham } Tything men
- Benj^a Hayes }
- Henry Doer }
- 9 John Clark } Field Drivers
- James Locke }
- 10 Clement Teering } Informers of Deer
- Benj^a Forst }
- 11 Voted to build a bridge over the Linglass
River in this town where the highway crosses
sd river as mentioned in the above Notifi-
cation to be set up at a Public Vendue to
the lowest - and the Selectmen to Raise
money on the Polls and estates of sd Roches-

1758

- ter to Telray the charge of building the same
- 12 Voted to be Raised for the Support of the Gospel
Ministry for the present year 1758 eight hun-
dred and ten pounds old tenor
- 13 Voted to send or Present the general court of
this Province with a Petition to beg liberty
not to have any men "Impresd" out of this
town this year in case there should be a
Press elsewhere this year.
- 14 Voted that Isaac Leiby be the man to Pre-
sent said Petition to the General Court of
sd Province.

The meeting is adjourned to the second Tues-
day in June next at three of the clock in the
afternoon.

June ye 1st 1758 Met according to adjourn-
ment and Lemuel Bickford chosen Constable
in the room of William Allen who by
an Ensign's Commission cleared himself
and Joseph Pearl was chosen Constable in
the Room of Thomas Young who paid his fine
And Wentworth Hayes chosen Pound Keeper
And William James Surveyor of the highways.
And the meeting adjourned to Tuesday the 27th
day of this Instant June at four of the clock in
the afternoon.

Tuesday the 27th Met according to adjournment
and the meeting adjourned to the third Tues-
day in September next at three of the clock in
the afternoon.

The third Tuesday in September met according

to adjournment and the meeting Dissolved.

The account of the Province list Credit.

Paid by Constable Stephen Berry Jr
of his arrears brought from Page * 29-2-2

Raised in Constable Samuel Bickford's
Gate list for 1758-59 599-16-0

To money left of last year's account in
the Selectmen's hands brought from Page 6-9-9

To Thomas Young's fine for not serving
Constable 5-0-0

640-7-11

An account of the Town's Debt in the Province list.

Paid to the Province Treasurer 417-0-0

Paid to Mr Isaac Leiby for Presenting of
a Petition to the General Court Relating to
the "Passing" of men 2-10-0

Paid for mending the Pound 0-6-3

Paid for the Jury Boxes 1-1-3

Paid to Eleazar Hodgdon for Building the
Bridge over where the ten rod road crosses
Lockers River 25-0-0

Paid to Lt. Bickford for one day Running
highways 0-12-6

Paid the Clerk for Returning Jury men 1-5-0

Paid the Selectmen for letting out the Ling-
lass Bridge and Receiving and Expenses at the
Vendue and other costs 9-8-0

Paid for Ham for building the Linglass Bridge 164-19-7

Paid Mr James Rogers for Presenting his Exellen-
cy with a Petition for a Representative 1-0-0

To money left in the Selectmen's hands 17-5-9

640-7-11

Province of } March 15th 1759 Received of Samuel
New Hampshire } Bickford, Constable, the sum of
four hundred seventeen pounds the Province
tax of Rochester for the year 1758.
417-0-0 By George Jaffrey, Treasurer.

An account of the Minister's list 1758 Credit
Raised in Constable Joseph Pearl's Gate list 817-8-8
To money in the Selectmen's hands for 1757
Brought from Page * old tenor 23-3-4

840-12-0

The town's Debt for 1758
Paid to Mr Main for his salary 810-0-0
To Constable Pearl's Gate taken of for
making y^e in the year 14-14-8

824-14-8

To money left in the Selectmen's hands 15-8-0

This account in old tenor 840-12-8

Rochester March y^e 26th 1759
Then Recd of Samuel Bickford the sum of five
hundred and ninety nine pounds sixteen
shillings in full of his Rate list committed
to him to collect for the year 1758.

Recd by us

Daniel Kingett
William Chamberlain } Selectmen
James Rogers Jr }

Province of New Hampshire } March 17th 1760. Read & John
 Plummer four hundred eighty
 four pounds ten shillings the Province tax of
 Rochester for the year 1759.
 £484-10 By George Jaffrey, Treasurer

To the freeholders and Inhabitants of Rochester
 such as are qualified by law to vote in Publick
 town meeting. You are hereby notified of a pub-
 lick town meeting to be holden in the meeting
 house in Rochester on Monday the twenty sixth
 day of this instant March at ten of the clock in
 the forenoon then and there to choose all town
 officers for the present year as the Law Directs
 and also to vote what sum or sums of money this
 town shall think proper to be Raised for the
 Support of the Gospel Ministry for the Present
 year in this town and also to choose some suitable
 Person to take an Inventory of the Rateable Estates
 within this town for the Present year and
 also to see if this will hear the Request of the peo-
 ple on Blind Hills neck Relating to Running
 out a highway which a number of them request
 on the south west side of the lot of land which
 Henry Allerd and John Herd now live upon;
 and also to do any other matter or thing this
 town shall judge proper to be done on sd day
 and Persons concerned are Desired to give attend-
 ance at time and Place.

Rochester March 16th 1759
 By order of the selectmen, By Jon^{as} Darn, Town Clerk.

Province of New Hampshire } At a Legal town meeting hold-
 en in the meeting house in
 Rochester on Monday the 26th day of March, 1759.
 William Chamberlain chosen Moderator of said
 meeting

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| 2 Jonathan Darn | } Town Clerk |
| 1 st John Pickford | |
| 3 James Place | } Selectmen |
| John Truckey | |
| 4 John Plummer | } Constables |
| Quibben Herd | |
| 5 Isaac Wyler | } Assessors |
| James Knowles | |
| 6 Kentworth Hayes | } Commissioners |
| Samuel Wingett | |
| Uoses Brown | } Tything men |
| 7 Mark Jenness | |
| Eleazar Johnson | |
| Jonathan Ham | } Surveyors of the highways |
| 8 Samuel Highton | |
| William Warfee | |
| Lehabod Cowell | } Informers of Deer |
| 9 William Warfee | |
| Lehabod Corson | |
| John Wate | } Field Drivers |
| 10 Samuel Tibbets | |
| Samuel Chamberlain | |
| Samuel Woubley Jr | } Pound Keeper. |
| 11 Kentworth Hayes | |
| 12 Mark Jenness | chosen to take an Inventory
for the Present year and to have ten pounds |

old tenor for his wages for taking the same.
 Is voted for to be Raised in this town for this
 Present year nine hundred Pounds old
 tenor for the support of the Gospel Ministry.
 And the meeting adjourned to the last Mon-
 day in May at three of the clock in the afternoon

Rochester March y^r 25th 1760

Then Read of Constable John Plummer the
 sum of five hundred and thirty eight Pounds
 twelve shillings and ten Pence, new tenor
 which is in full of his Rate list committed
 to him to collect for this town for the year 1759

Read by us:

James Place } Selectmen
 John Trickey }

Rochester March y^r 25th 1760

Then Read of Constable Reuben Herd the sum
 of nine hundred and thirty six Pounds, sixteen
 shillings old tenor which is in full of his Rate
 list committed to him to collect for the year 1759

Read by us

James Place } Selectmen
 John Trickey }

Rochester, March y^r 25th 1760

The town's account for the year 1759 in the minister's
 Rate list

Raised in Constable Reuben Herd's Rate list 936-16-0

To Money left with the Selectmen Brought from Page 15-8-0

This account is in old tenor 952-14-0

The town's Debt Paid to Mr Main 900-0-0
 left in the selectmen's hands for the
 year 1759 36-16-0

left in the selectmen's hands for the
 year 1758 15-18-0

This account in old tenor 952-14-0

Rochester March y^r 25th 1760

The town's account of the Province Rate list for
 the year 1759

Raised in Constable John Plummer's
 Rate list 538-12-10

To money left in the Selectmen's hands
 for the year 1758 Brought from Page 17-5-4

This account in new tenor 555-18-2

Rochester, March y^r 25th 1760

The town's account of their Debt on the Province
 list for 1759.

Paid to the Province Treasurer 484-10-0

Paid to Mark Jenness for taking an
 Inventory 2-10-0

To Constable Plummer's Rate taken of
 for making up 6-5-0

Paid for Returning a Jury man 0-12-6

Paid for a Deed of a highway over salmon
 falls road of Paul Pinkham 0-5-0

Paid for a warrant to warn Eli Drown out of town 0-2-6

Paid the selectmen for Doing town Business & Expenses 2-15-0

To money left in the Selectmen's hands for
 the year 1759 41-12-0

To money left in the Selectmen's hands for
 the year 1758 Brought from Page 17-5-9

555-17-4

The whole of this account is in new tenor.

Rochester March 26, 1760.

Then Read of the Selectmen of the Town of Rochester in behalf of the town nine hundred pounds old tenor, it being on the account of my salary for the year past which I receive in full for the same as witness my hand

Amos Main

To the freeholders and Inhabitants of the town of Rochester such as are qualified by law to vote in town meeting.

You are hereby notified of a Public town meeting to be holden in the meeting house in Rochester on Monday the thirty first day of this Instant March at ten of the clock in the forenoon then and there to choose all town officers for the Present year as the law Directs and also to vote what sum or sums of money this town shall think proper to be Raised in this town for the Support of the Gospel Ministry for this Present year and also to Consider and Vote something Relating to Procuring a Minister in said town to supply the Desk during the Revd Mr Main's weakness and indisposition if he is not able before that time and also to hear the Request of a number of the Inhabitants of this town Relating to getting a highway leading from the Bridge at Squamagogonnick Falls across John Herd's land up to the four rod road above

where the town shall think most proper to be done either by the selectmen or by a committee that may be then chosen for that Purpose as the Town may then and there think most suitable and also to Do any other matter or thing that this town shall judge proper to be Done on sd day And all Persons concerned are Desired to give attendance at time and Place.

Rochester March 27th 1760

By order of the Selectmen

Jon^a Dam, Town Clerk

At a legal town meeting holden in the meeting house in Rochester on the thirty first day of March 1760 of the freeholders qualified by law to vote in town meeting the following Business was transacted viz:

- 1 Isaac Leiby, Chosen Moderator
- 2 Jon^a Dam, Town Clerk
- James Place
- 3 John Plummer } Selectmen
- Joseph Tebbetts }
- 4 Richard Bickford } Assessors
- James Rogers Jr }
- 5 Jon^a Ham } Commissioners
- Moses Hayes }
- 6 William Chamberlain } Constables
- Abner Dam }

Diamond Pearl }
 7 Benj^a Perry }
 Samuel Twombly Jr } Surveyors of the highway
 Thomas Gardin }

8 Mark Jenness } Tything men
 Moses Brown }

9 Samuel Merrow } Hogreues
 John Place }

10 William McFee } Informers of Deer
 Schabod Corson }

11 Joseph Knight, Pound Keeper
 Henry Door

12 Ebenezer Place Jr } Field Drivers
 Lthamer Leavey }
 Zebulon Dam Jr }

13 Ens. Edward Libbets, Town Treasurer.

14 Voted to hire a minister to preach in this town three months and no longer from the Date hereof and to pay him out of the money Voted to be raised for that use by a committee chosen for that Design.

Mark Jenness }
 James Knowles } Chosen Committee
 Isaac Libby }

The meeting adjourned to Monday the seventh day of July next at twelve of the clock on sd day.

Monday the seventh day of July at twelve of the clock met according to adjournment
 And Joseph Libbets appeared in the meeting and declined serving as a Selectman for the

Present year. Whereupon this town proceeded and chose three more to join the two chosen before to make up the number of five viz.

James Knowles }
 Lt Charles Rogers } Selectmen
 Ens William Allen }

And the meeting adjourned to Monday the twenty eighth day of this Instant July at twelve of the clock in sd day met according to adjournment and it was Voted that Lt John Bickford join the Selectmen as a committee to go and view the land from the mill Privilege at Aquamanegonnick falls across John Herd's land and the other lands up to the four rod road above as specified in the foregoing notification and see if a road can be had for the use of the Inhabitants to pass and repass and treat with the owners of sd lands of the "favourablest" terms sd way can be had and make report to this meeting on the adjournment of the circumstances & conditions of sd way
 And the meeting adjourned to Monday the 8th day of September next at ten of the clock in sd day

Sept. the 8th Met according to adjournment and the meeting dissolved.

To the freeholders and Inhabitants of Rochester such as are Qualified by law to Vote in Publick town meetings. You are hereby notified of a Publick town meeting to be holden in the meeting house in Rochester on Monday the twenty eighth day of this Instant July at eleven of the clock in the forenoon then and there to see if this town will Vote to pay the charge the Selectmen were out on the funeral of Mr Wain late Pastor of the church in this town Deceased. and also to see if this town Vote to choose some suitable Persons as a Committee to give some suitable orthodox minister a call to Preach in sd town either a while on approbation or else to empower the committee to agree with any one that has already been approved of by sd town and may stand as candidate for that employment for a settlement in this town and for his Annual Salary During his ability to supply the Desk and town which may be most approved in General and to Empower sd committee to Pay him for the time part of his supplying the Desk and for the Remainder of this Present year out of the money that was Voted at our annual town meeting to be Raised and appropriated for the use above mentioned as far as it will go and also to see if the town will see fit to make an addition to the sum of money Voted at our annual meeting for the above sd use and also to see if this town will Vote to make any Preparation for settlement

sd minister in this town either by Attaining to the Proprietors or any common land that may be handy for such a use or by getting any other common land that may be convenient for a house lot or Building a house or hiring a house or Part of one for the above mentioned use which the town when together may upon advice think most suitable and also to see if the town will Vote to Build a Bridge over the River at the end of the ten rod road where the Bridge was Built by Clearer - lodgedon or nigh it where may be thought the most suitable Place and also to do any other matter or thing that may be judged proper to be done on said day and All Persons concerned are Desired to give attendance at time and place. Given under our hands in Rochester aforesd this 19th day of July 1768.

James Place
John Plummer
William Allen
James Knowles
Charles Rogers

} Selectmen

Province of } At a legal town meeting hold-
New Hampshire } en in the meeting house in
Rochester on Monday the 28th day of July 1768
of the freeholders Qualified by law to Vote in
town meetings

- 1 Lt John Bickford } Chosen Moderator of sd meeting
- 2 It was put to Vote whether the town would Pay

the charge the Selectmen were out on the funeral of Mr Main Dec^d and it was voted in the affirmative

De Stephen Berry
Capt Timothy Roberts
Lt John Bickford
3 Enos Edward Abbetts
Enos William Allen
John Jenness
Isaac Lebbey
William Jenness
James Knowles
Mark Jenness

Here chosen as a committee according to the foregoing notification to treat with the Rev^d Mr Hill, Relating to his settling as a Gospel Minister in this town and to make proper Proposals of Encouragement for his settlement and maintainance in sd town and to make report to the town on the adjournment of this meeting of his Result whether he will accept or refuse that the town may Proceed accordingly.

4 The foregoing Put to Vote whether it should stand as authentic and it was voted in the affirmative.

5 It was put to Vote to see whether the town will make an addition of the sum of one hundred and twenty five pounds new tenor to the sum that was Voted at our annual meeting to be Raised for the support of the Gospel Ministry for the Present year and it was Voted in the affirmative.

6 It was put to Vote whether the town will choose some suitable Persons as a Committee to Present a Petition to the Proprietors Selectmen for to call a Proprietors meeting to Desire sd Propriet-

ors at their meeting to favour the town with some of their waste lands that may be handy for the use of the town for settling a minister in the same and

M^r Richard Downing
John Plummer
Richard Bickford

Here chosen a committee to Present the Petition to sd Proprietors for the above sd favour.

And the meeting adjourned to Monday the 8th day of September next at ten of the clock in sd day.

Monday the 8th of September met according to adjournment.

7 And the abovesaid committee make Report that they have treated with Mr Samuel Hill Relating to his settling as a Gospel Minister in said town and he accepts of the call given him by this town to settle as a Gospel Minister in the same Provided the town will give suitable Encouragement for a comfortable maintainance in said town.

And the meeting adjourned to Monday the 22nd day of this Instant September at ten of the clock in said day.

Sept^r 22nd Met according to adjournment
8 Voted that there shall be a committee of three men chosen to treat further with Mr Samuel Hill for a settlement in sd town and support as a Gospel Minister.

Lt John W Duffee } are hereby chosen unani-
Jonathan Darn } mously by the Church and
John Plummer } Congregation convened on
that occasion and are hereby authorized and
empowered to treat with Mr Samuel Hill in
the town's behalf for his annual salary in sd
town not exceeding the sum of fifty pounds
sterling annually During his supplying the
Pesk in sd town as a Gospel Minister and
to make proper Proposals Relating to his set-
tlement and the committee to Draw up the
covenant of agreement between the sd min-
ister and the town and Present the same
to the town clerk for the time being to be
Recorded on the town Record.

And the meeting adjourned to Monday the
sixth day of October next at twelve of the
clock in said day.

October the sixth met according to adjournment
And the meeting adjourned to Monday the
20th day of this Instant October at two of the
clock in sd day.

Monday October the 20th met according to ad-
journment.

and James Place } Here chosen as a committee
William Allen } according to the foregoing noti-
John W Duffee } fication and in Pursuance of
Carnabas Palmer } the Committee's Proposals with
John Plummer } Mr Hill to Build a Parsonage
house for the use of the minister in sd town
and all the town to have the liberty of doing

their part in labours if they see cause or in
lumber of any sort to be Delivered to the com-
mittee which they are to keep an exact account
of and to bring it in to the town and to notify
those that choose to do their part in labour
when to come that all may have a fair chance
and the lumber so brought in and the
labour so done to be Deleted out of their Rates
which the Selectmen for the time being are to
assess the inhabitants in for sd use and all
those that labour to have forty shillings old
tenor Pr day for a man or a yoke of oxen and
the Carpenters to have three Pounds old tenor
Pr day all of them finding themselves.
And the meeting Dissolved.

The articles of agreement between Mr Hill and
the town of Rochester

At a legal town meeting of the freeholders and
Inhabitants of the town of Rochester on Monday
the 28th day of July 1765 Duly warned for the
settling a minister in sd town and Grudges
for his support

Lt John Rickford chosen Moderator of sd meeting
and the meeting was adjourned Repeatedly
till Monday the 22nd day of Sept following then
met according to adjournment and
Lt John W Duffee } were unanimously chosen
Jonathan Darn } as a committee to agree with
John Plummer } and settle a minister in
sd town by a Vote of the Church & Congregation

convened together on that occasion and in consideration that Mr Samuel Hill has Preached a considerable time amongst us and his Doctrine and conversation unreprouable he appearing to be a Person able, learned and orthodox and is Endowed we trust with grace from Christ Qualifying him for a Gospel Minister to dispense the word of God amongst us and a Vote Passed thereupon making choice of the sd Mr Hill to be the settled minister of the Gospel in this town if he accepted of the call which may be given him all which being considered by the freeholders and Inhabitants of this town, church and congregation together that were Qualified by Law to Vote in town affairs then Present Voted Unanimously that the above committee are hereby Empowered to treat with the Revd Mr Hill in the town's Behalf and to make proper proposals of Encouragement for us the aforesd committee have proceeded according to the Power given us by the town and have tendered to Mr Hill the sum of fifty Pounds sterling as his annual salary During his supplying the Desk as a minister in sd town and also to build an house in sd town on the Parsonage lot (lately purchased of the Proprietors of sd town thirty eight feet long and thirty feet wide and two story high and Dig and stone a good cellar under sd house and fit sd house but fitting for a Parsonage house and fence in the Parsonage lot and Dig and

stone a good well and set out an orchard and build a barn on sd lot all the above articles to be for the use of the sd Mr Hill During his ministration in this town and to be completed as soon as can well be done

Johnville Duffer
Jonathan Sam } Committee.
John Plummer

All the foregoing articles being Presented to the town were accepted and a Vote Passed thereupon entitling Mr Hill to the sum of fifty Pounds sterling as his annual salary during his ministration in sd town and all the above articles to be completed as soon as can well be done according to the committee's Proposal if he accepts the call and his answer to be hereunto annexed.

Kittery, October 11, 1768

To the Church and Congregation in Rochester
Gentlemen:

I am much obliged to you for the regard you have Discovered for me in the Invitation you have unanimously given me to settle in the Gospel Ministry among you and having taken the matter into my most serious and solemn consideration and sought what Direction and advice I thought proper upon such an Important affair I do now Determine to accept your call on the terms Voted me and to Devote myself to the work of the Gospel Ministry in this Place and as God has been Pleased to Incline you to make choice of me for your minister and

me to Comply with your Desire and to settle with you in the Pastoral office I trust you will always be Ready to Do what will be necessary for my Honourable Support and subsistence among you and since I am to take the charge of your souls and to Improve my Talents for the advancement of your greatest and best Interest I believe you will not be wanting in Doing what you can to lighten my Burden and to afford me all proper Encouragement in the arduous and Difficult Service I am to engage in and Especially I hope trust and Desire that you will join with me in your fervent Prayers to the God of all grace for me that I may be filled with the Gifts and Graces of the Divine Spirit and may be Prepared for and succeeded in the hard and Important Service which you have called me to that you and I may Rejoice together in this world and that I may have many of you and yours for my crown of joy and Rejoicing at the appearing of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ -

which the hearty wish and Prayer of Gentlemen your most obedient and humble servant
for Jesus sake

Saml Hill.

To the freeholders and Inhabitants of Rochester such as are Qualified by Law to Vote in Publick town meeting

You are hereby notified of a Publick town meeting to be holden in the meeting house in Rochester on Monday the 24th day of this Instant November at twelve of the clock in sd day then and there to see if the town will accept of the house of the committee which they have begun to Build for the use of a minister in sd town in the order it is now in and Dismiss the sd committee on Receiving the sd house and the stuff that has been brought in towards Building the same and their account as far as they have gone already and choose some other suitable Persons as a new committee to go on with Building said house as far as they shall judge proper to go on with it this season or else empower the old committee to hire workmen to go on with said house at the town's cost and to Pay for the nails and other materials that has been Procured towards Building the same and to empower the said committee to Procure glass and Glaze said house and to Procure any other materials that may be wanting to carry on the same as far as may be thought necessary for to be Done this season and also to Do any other matters that may be thought proper to be done on sd day and all Persons concerned are Desired to give attendance at time and Place Given under our hands in Rochester

aforesd this 15th day of November 1760.

James Place
John Plummer } Selectmen
William Allen }

Province of New Hampshire } At a legal town meeting hold-
in the meeting house in
Rochester on Monday the 24th of November 1760
of the freeholders qualified by law to vote in
town affairs.

1 Isaac Leiby } Shown Moderator of sd meeting.

2 Agreeable to the foregoing notification it was
Put to vote whether the town would Receive
the house Built as a Parsonage house in this
town of the committee as it now stands and
Pay the cost of the same and Voted in the
affirmative.

Wm Hayes enters his Dissent against the
meeting

3 It was Put to Vote whether the town will re-
ceive the committee's account of Broad ax
men's 3 Pound per day to work on said house
as it now stands and Voted in the affirm-
ative.

Benjamin Darn enters his dissent against the
meeting

4 Agreeable to the foregoing notification it was
Put to vote whether the town will Empower
the committee to hire joiners or any of the
Inhabitants to finish clapboarding the aforesd
house and finish of the eastern end of sd
house and to Procure glass and Glaze sd

house fitting for the minister to live in this
winter and lay the lower floors so as to secure
the cellar and buy other materials as Boards
and nails and other things that may be
wanting to carry on sd house if the Inhabitants
Do not Bring them in according to the former
Vote and the Selectmen for the time being to
assess the Polls and Estates in sd Rochester for
Payment of the same and Voted in the affirm-
ative. And the meeting Dissolved.

The town's account of their Credit for the year 1760
in Province list.

Raised in Constable Chamberlain's

Rate list 1760

459-12-3

In the Selectmen's hands for the

year 1758 from Page *

17-5-9

Money in the Selectmen's hands for the
year 1759 from Page *

41-12-0

518-9-7

The town's Debt for the Province list for the - 1760

Paid the Province Treasurer

484-2-6

Left in the Selectmen's hands

24-4-11

Paid for taking Inventory by order

from y^e Secretary

4-10-0

Paid the Selectmen for Doing town

Business and Expenses

5-0-0

Paid the clerk for Returning a Jurymen

0-12-6

518-9-11

An account of the money Raised in the Minister's list and the arrears
 Raised in Bonstable Dam's Rate list
 for the year 1760 426 8-1
 Money left in the Selectmen's hands
 for 1758 1-9-0
 Money left in the Selectmen's hands
 for 1759 9-4-0
 437-1-1
 An account of the town's Debt for the year 1760
 Paid Mr Wain for boarding of ministers 12-10-0
 Paid Enoch Hoed for six rings for Mr Wain's
 funeral 15-17-3
 Paid Stephen Evans for Rum for the
 funeral 11-5-0
 Paid for things at Portsmouth for the
 funeral
 Paid Mr Hill before his Installment 158-11-0
 Paid Mr Hill since his Installment 86-10-0
 Paid the Proprietors for a lot of land 12-10-0
 Paid Capt. Page for expenses at the Proprietors meeting 4-10-0
 The money in Bonstable Dam's hands 53-4-9
 Money left in the Selectmen's hands
 for year 1758 1-9-0
 Money in the Selectmen's hands for the
 year 1760 34-2-0
 437-1-0

Province of New Hampshire March 25th 1761 Received of William Chamberlain four hundred, eighty four pounds two shillings six pence ye Province tax of Rochester for ye year 1760.
 \$484-2-6

By Geo. Jaffrey Treasurer

Rochester March ye 28th 1761
 Then Received of the Selectmen of Rochester the sum of \$24-10-6 which with the sum Raised in my Rate list makes up the sum that I paid the Province Treasurer
 Recd By me William Chamberlain

Rochester December 24th 1760
 Received of the Selectmen of sd town the sum of six hundred fourteen pounds two shillings old tenor in full for Preaching there before Installment. I say Recd by me Saml Hill

Rochester March 25th 1761
 Recd of Mr Abner Dam Constable the sum of three hundred forty pounds old tenor in Part of my salary beginning November 19th 1760
 I say Recd by me Saml Hill
 344-0-0

Rochester August ye 6th 1761
 Then Received of Bonstable Abner Dam the sum of fifty three pounds four shillings and nine pence together with what he the said Dam Paid heretofore in the full of his Rate list to him committed for the year 1760
 (over)

Recd Or Is^a Leby
 John Sumner } Selectmen

To the freeholders and Inhabitants of Rochester
 such as are Qualified by law to vote in town meeting
 You are hereby notified of a Publick town meeting
 to be holden in the meeting house in Rochester
 on Monday the thirtieth day of this Instant
 March at ten of the clock in the forenoon on sd
 day then and there to choose all town officers
 for the year Ensuing as the law Directs and
 also to choose some suitable Persons as a commit-
 tee to Proceed towards completing the articles
 of agreement between a committee in the town's
 behalf and Mr Hill Relating to his settling as a
 minister in this town and also to see what
 the town will do about Raising money or other-
 ways to Pay of the joiners for working on the Parson-
 age house last fall or this winter Past or Pay-
 ing for materials Procured by the committee
 towards carrying on sd house or otherways
 empower the old committee to Proceed in com-
 pleting sd articles and to choose some suitable
 to examine sd committees accounts if
 the town shall see fit and also to see if the
 town will vote to fence up all or a part of the
 common land lying on the back side of the
 meeting house between that and the swamp
 for the use of the minister for a Pasture or
 as he may have occasion otherways to Improve
 the same for a limited time and also to choose

and empower some suitable persons as a com-
 mittee to Procure a road from the Bridge or
 Mill Privledge at Squamaneagonnick upper falls
 across John Herd's land and others till they come
 up to a four rod road above on the moderate
 terms that said road can be had and also to
 hear the Request of the People on Blind Hills
 neck to choose a committee to see if they can
 find or Procure a road to the River on each side
 any where nigh the ten rod road above or be-
 low where the ten rod road crosses sd river where
 there may be any Prospect in their Judgment
 founded on Reason that a Bridge may be Built
 that according to the course of nature will stand
 the force of the stream and if the committee
 bring in the affirmative then to see if the
 town will proceed and Build a Bridge there
 and also to hear another Request about Procur-
 ing a piece of a road on the lower side of the
 town next Dover head line at or nigh the
 Place known by the name of West Bridge where
 by reason of wet or boggy ground the way they
 say is not passable and also to hear the Request
 of a number of the Inhabitants of this town
 Relating to Building another Bridge over sd
 river where the Squamaneagonnick Road comes
 to sd river nigh or against the house of Mr
 James Place where he now lives which a num-
 ber may request either on the town's cost or
 exempt them from Duty and charges of other
 highways and Bridges and they will Build said

Bridge and keep it in good Repair at their cost.
And also to see what the town will do about
Procuring a Pew in the meeting house for the
use of Mr Hill's family. And also to do any other
matter or thing the town may judge proper
to be done on sd day and all Persons con-
cerned are Desired to give their attendance at
time and Place.

Rochester March 4th 20th 1761

By order of the Selectmen

Or Jon^a Dam Town Clerk

Province of { At a legal town meeting hold-
New Hampshire } in the meeting house in
Rochester on Monday the 30th of March 1761 of
the freeholders and Inhabitants Qualified by
law to Vote in town meetings

1 Lt John Mc Duffee Chosen Moderator

2 Joh^a Dam } Chosen Town Clerk.

Isaac Lebbey
3 Charles Rogers } Chosen Selectmen

John Plummer
4 William Allen } Chosen Assessors

Ebenezer Chamberlain
5 Eleazar Holman } Chosen Commissioners

James Rogers Jr
6 Samuel Highton } Chosen Constables

Daniel Hingett

Ichabod Corson

Daniel Garlin

7 Lebulon Dam Jr } Chosen
Isaac Miller } Surveyors of the highways

Moses Hayes

8 John Hammett Jr } Chosen Hogreves.
John Richards

Henry Door

9 Ebenezer Place Jr } Chosen Field Drivers.
John Muscat

Samuel Drown Jr

10 William Mc Duffee } Chosen to see who kill deer
Ichabod Corson } contrary to law

11 Richard Vetter

Moses Brown

Ichabod Corson

} Chosen Tything men

12 It was Put to Vote whether the old committee
shall Proceed to finish the Parsonage house
in this town according to a Vote of the town
in a Reasonable time and Voted in the affirm-
ative

13 Ebenezer Chamberlain } Here chosen a commit-
Kentworth Hayes } tee to let out a Barn
Stephen Berry } to Build of thirty feet

square and a well to dig and stone and an
orchard to set out according to the town's agree-
ment with the Rev^d Mr Hill on the Parsonage
lot where he now lives at a Public Vendue to
the lowest Bidder to be completed one after the
other as the season shall call for them and
those that Bid of sd articles to take lumber accord-

ing to the former Vote for their Pay of the Inhabitants if they see cause to Deliver it and if not then the committee to hire men and buy material to finish the same and the selectmen shall Raise money by a tax on the Polls and Estates of the Inhabitants for Payment of the same and further Voted that the same committee Proceed as can be well be and fence in the Parsonage lot and notify the Inhabitants when to come to go to work on sd fence that those that do not work on the Parsonage house last fall may have a chance to work on sd fence if they see cause and those that work to have forty shillings old tenor pr day for a man or a yoke of oxen and find themselves

14 It was Put to Vote whether the over plus money Raised in Constable Dams Rate list shall be paid to the committee by the selectmen as soon as it can be had of sd constable to Pay of the Jayners for working on the Parsonage house and Voted in the affirmative

15 Jon^d Dam } Chosen a committee according to the foregoing notification to examine the committee's accounts about Building the Parsonage house in this town.
William Chamberlain
Kentworth Hayes

And the meeting adjourned to Monday the 13th day of April next at ten of the clock in the forenoon Monday April the 13th met according to adjournment

16 It was Put to Vote whether the town will Raise

the sum of two hundred and fifty Pounds new tenor to Pay the committee with the back money in Constable Dams hands what they have Disbursed already in building the Parsonage house and the sd committee to lay out the Remainder of sd money in fitting out sd house as far as it will go this year and let the sd house stand for further consideration and Voted in the affirmative

17 It was Put to Vote whether the town will agree to fence up all or a Part of the common land on the back side of the meeting house according to the foregoing notification for the use of the minister for the time being and Voted in the Negative

18 John Jenness } Chosen a committee to search
James Rogers Jr } out and Procure a road from
Isaac Libby } the mill privilege at Squam
anegonnick up across John Herd's land and
others up to the four rod road above according
to the foregoing notification and agree with the
owners of lands through which sd way may
run for the price of sd way on the "Moderate"
terms this way can be got and Bring on their
Report on the adjournment of this meeting and
the selectmen shall Raise money by a tax on
the Polls and Estates in sd town for Payment
of the same

19 Charles Rogers } Chosen a committee to
Jon^d Ham } search out a road according
John Plummer } to the foregoing notification

on each side of the River nigh where the ten rod road crosses sd river and bring in their Report to the town on the adjournment of this meeting of the circumstances of the Roads and River that the town may Proceed accordingly in Building sd Bridge over the River or not.

20 Ichabod Boren

William Allen

{ Boren a committee according to the foregoing notification to Procure a Road by Exchange or Purchase nigh the Place called and known by the name of mast Bridge on the Moderate terms it can be had for the town for the people to pass and repass.

21 It was Put to Vote whether the town will Build a Bridge over the River where the Squamagonnick Road comes to sd River according to the Request in the foregoing Notification and Voted in the Negative

22 It was Put to Vote whether the article in the foregoing notification about Procuring a Pew in the meeting house in sd town for the use of the minister for the time being be referred to the Selectmen of sd town for the time being to Procure one if it can be had on Reasonable terms and Voted in the affirmative.

And the meeting adjourned to Monday the 25th day of May next at two of the clock in sd day Monday May the 25th met according to adjournment.

And the committee that were chosen to Pro-

cure a road from the mill Privilege across John Herd's land and others make report that they have treated with the owners of the lands through which sd road passes and the sd Herd frankly gives a road as far as his land goes and Joseph Thompson land extends from thence to the lower rod road above and he demands twenty five Pounds new tenor for a road through and it was Put to Vote whether the town will pay that sum for sd road and Voted in the affirmative.

And the meeting adjourned to Monday the 31st day of August next at two of the clock in the afternoon on sd day

Monday August the 31st Met according to adjournment

23 And on consideration that one of the Selectmen was absent it was Put to Vote whether the town will choose two more to make up the number of five and Voted in the affirmative and

Jon^a Dam { Here unanimously
William Allen } chosen selectmen

And the committee that were chosen to Procure a Road by Exchange or Purchase at the place called Mast Bridge make report that they have agreed with John Hitherill for that part of sd road that runs through his land for two hundred and ten pounds old tenor and that he Refuses to exchange for the road below his land next Dover line

And it was Put to vote whether the town will accept of sd road for sd sum and the selectmen for the time being make a deed of the Boggy piece of a road below sd Witherell's land next Dover Head line to him or them that will give most for sd land and to Receive a deed of sd Witherell in the town's behalf and Pay for the same and Voted in the affirmative And the meeting Dissolved

To the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the town of Rochester such as by law are Qualified to vote in town meetings
According to the Request of a number of the Inhabitants above said you are hereby notified of a Publick town meeting to be holden in the meeting house in Rochester on Monday the thirty first day of this Instant August at ten of the clock in sd day then and there to see if this town will vote and open and confirm a highway that was heretofore laid out by Lt. John Pickford from the end of the ten rod road by the side of Mr Latham's Leavey's lot of land and so out to the four rod road that leads across Blind Hills Neck so called also to see if this town will be at the charge of clearing a part of the ministerial lot of land where the Revd Mr Hill now lives also to see if the town will confirm the highway or a part of the same that leads from Hart Point so called to the main road by way of Exchange with Mr

John Witherell also to choose a committee to take and give Deeds for that or any other highways that is already Voted

And all Persons concerned are Desired to give attendance at time and Place Given under our hands in Rochester above sd this 22nd day of August Anno Domini 1761.

Isaac Lebbey

John Plummer

} Selectmen.

Province of New Hampshire } At a legal town meeting hold-
in the meeting house in
Rochester on Monday the 31st day of August 1761
of the freeholders and Inhabitants Qualified
by law to vote in Publick town meeting.

Isaac Lebbey } Chosen Moderator of sd meeting

2 The confirmation of the four rod road on
Blind Hills Neck so called was Put to vote ac-
cording to the foregoing notification and it
was Voted in the negative

3 Pursuant to the foregoing notification it
was Put to vote whether the town will be at
the cost of clearing a part of the ministerial
lot on which Mr Hill now lives this year or no
And it was Voted in the negative

4 In consort to the foregoing notification the
selectmen of this town for the time being
are hereby Chosen and Empowered by a U-
nanimous Vote of the town now present to
Receive Deeds of John Herd and Joseph Thom-
son for the highways the former committee

ran through their lands and to pay for sd way according to sd committee's agreement on the town's cost. and to give and receive deeds of John Hitherill or others for the ways that may or are to be Bought or Exchanged between the Main road and West Point so called on Dover head line this present year and pay for them according to a former committee's agreement with sd Hitherill and sell the wet Boggy piece of a way to him or them that will give most for it and render an account to the town of the same. And the meeting Dissolved

To the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the town of Rochester such as are Qualified by Law to Vote in town meeting.

You are hereby notified of a Publick town meeting to be holden in the meeting house in Rochester on Monday the fifth day of October next at one of the clock in sd day then and there to see if this town will choose some suitable Person or Persons as a committee to join with the Rev. Mr. Hill to Prosecute to final Judgment and Execution or other ways to Recover the Mill Rents in this town that are due for time past that sd rents may be appropriated according to the Proprietors' intent when they gave them away to the town by a vote, and whereas the first vote of this town for Building the Parsonage house in this town the Inhabitants were to have liberty to do their part in

labour or in Lumber of any sort to be delivered to the committee but no time being set for said Lumber to be Brought in or labour to be Done nor any Power Given the selectmen to Raise money for carrying on sd house if sd Lumber was not Brought in and as it has not been so Brought in to the committee and as there is now a tax to be laid on the town in consequence of the house this is to see if the town will Empower the selectmen to lay the tax in money on the town for sd house or that Part that have not Paid according to sd Vote receiving orders from them that have done their Part or more or limit those that may have done nothing or but a small Part to a certain time to bring in their Part according to sd Vote and all Persons Concerned are Desired to give attendance at time and place and also to do any other matter or thing that may be judged proper to be done on sd day.

Rochester September 26th 1761.

By order of the Selectmen

Jon^a Darn, Town Clerk.

Province of New Hampshire } At a legal town meeting hold-
in the meeting house in
Rochester on Monday the fifth day of October 1761
of the freeholders Qualified by Law to Vote in
town meetings.

Moses Hayes } Chosen Moderator of sd meeting
Pursuant to the foregoing notification, Jabez
Darn, James Knowles, and William Allen were

unanimously chosen and voted in as a committee to join with Mr Hill to try by the most likely way to Recover the Mill Rents in this town that they may be appropriated as Intended by the Proprietors' vote.

It was Put to Vote whether the town will Empower the selectmen of Rochester for the time being to lay the tax on the town for the Building of the Parsonage house according to the foregoing notification in money as the Inhabitants have not or a great Part of them done their labour or brought in their Lumber equivalent to their Part according to the former Vote. And it was unanimously Voted in the affirmative.

And the meeting was Dissolved

Pursuant to a Precept from the high Sheriff of sd Province directed to the selectmen of Rochester in sd Province for choosing a Representative - To the freeholders and Inhabitants of Rochester. Qualified by Law to Vote for Representatives You are hereby notified of a Publick town meeting to be holden in the meeting house in Rochester on Tuesday the ninth day of March next at one of the clock in the afternoon then and there to choose a suitable Person to Represent the town of Rochester in General Assembly to be convened at Portsmouth in sd Province on Wednesday the tenth day of March next and so from day to day during their sessions; And all

Persons concerned are Desired to give attendance and Prepare themselves accordingly at time and Place.

Rochester February 24, 1762.

Charles Rogers
Jon^a Dam
John Plummer } Selectmen.

Province of New Hampshire } At a legal town meeting holden in the meeting house in Rochester on Tuesday the ninth day of March 1762 of the freeholders Qualified by Law to Vote in the choice of Representatives John Plummer } Chosen Moderator of sd meeting Pursuant to the foregoing notification the freeholders and others convened and being so made choice of Lieut. John Mc Duffee to represent the town of Rochester in General Assembly to be convened at Portsmouth on Wednesday the tenth day of this Instant March and so from time to time during the sessions of sd house - And the meeting dissolved.

Rochester, March 29th 1762

Recd of the selectmen of the town aforesd the sum of one thousand eighty seven pounds, eighteen shillings and two pence old tenor in part of my salary for the year one thousand seven hundred sixty one Lay Recd by me

Saml Hill.

old {1087-18-2} tenor

Province of New Hampshire { May 4th Received of Samuel
 Houghton by hand of Otis Barker
 six hundred sixteen pounds five shillings six
 pence and nineteen pounds six shillings
 sterling Bills of credit the Province tax of Roches-
 ter for y^e year 1761.

Or George Jaffrey, Treasurer.

The town's credit in the Province Rate list for the
 year 1761.

To Paid in Constable Houghton's list 801-19-0
 Left in the selectmen's hands last year 24-4-11

826-3-10

Paid the Province Treasurer 736-18-0

Paid Surveyor for running a highway 1-10-0

Paid the Selectmen for running out a
 highway through Thompson's and heirs
 land three days at three pounds old tenor Or day 2-5-0

Paid Col John Gage for writing a caption
 on the Inventory to carry in to the Treasury 1-4-0

Paid Joseph Thompson for a highway 25-0-0

Paid John Nitherell for a highway 53-15-0

Left in the Selectmen's hands 1-13-8

828-5-8

Raised in the Rate list for the minis-
 ters salary for 1761

325-9-10

Left in the Selectmen's hands for the
 year 1760

34-2-6

The Balance of this account being on
 the ministers List Carried to Page

12-15-0

An account of the town's debt in the ministers
 Salary lists

Paid Mr Hill old tenor 1087-18-2

Paid the Widow Eleanor Richards
 for her Pew 12-10-0

Dec 6th 1762 Paid Mr Hill old tenor 237-1-2

1337-9-4

Paid Ans^r Edward Tabbetts for Boarding 12-10-0

minister Sum total new tenor 334-7-4

346-17-4

Raised in the Rate list for settling ministers and
 other charges Incident thereto 1200-13-5

Drawbacks for Ben^r Merrow, wid^r Elizath
 Young 3-4-5

1197-9-0

The Money Raised in the Rate list for settling a
 minister in sd town and other Charges Inci-
 dent thereto laid out as follows Viz.

Paid the Surveyor for running out the
 Parsonage lots to two days 3-0-0

Paid to the Selectmen for running out
 the Parsonage lot six days at three pounds
 and fifteen shillings old tenor Or day 4-10-0

Paid the Clerk for settling the committee's
 accounts 1-10-0

And for writing orders on the Constable 1-10-0

And filling up two deeds -10-0

And Returning a Representative 3-15-0

Paid Ans Allen and Deborah Corson for run-
 ning a highway 1-10-0

Paid the Proprietors for the Parsonage lot

of land	12-10-0
Paid towards Building the Parsonage house	910-18-5
Paid for Building the Parsonage Barn	102-10-0
Paid for Digging and Stoning the well	69-10-0
Paid for setting out the orchard	11-15-0
Paid for fencing in the Parsonage lot of land	116-15-0
Laid out on the ministerial house in the year 1762	94-6-3
Balance on the minister's rate list Brought from Page 194	12-15-0
Paid Mr Hill to make up his salary from up 19 th of Nov 1760 to 1 st of April 1761	39-19-0
Paid Constable Abner Dam for Daniel Al- leys Gate he being in the army	1-8-6
Paid M ^{rs} Eleanor Richards for her pew two years	6-5-0
Paid En ^{rs} Edw ^d Pibbets and Madam Wain for boarding ministers	25-0-0
Paid for mending the meeting house win- dows and a hatch for the door	8-1-6
Paid the committee for building the Par- sonage fence	52-10-0
Paid Mr Hill's salary for the year 1761	333-6-0
Paid Mr Hill in Part of his salary for the year 1762	275-17-2
Drawbacks on Kingetts Rate list for the M ^{rs} Elizabeth Young and Benjamin Worow	3-4-5
	2089-16-3

	2089-16-3
Paid Mr Hill in part of his salary	71-7-0
Constable Hayes' Rate taken off	5-4-0
Paid Capt Roberts for stones to stone the cellar under the Parsonage house and lime to top the chimney	13-7-4
Paid by Constable Kingett in cash and in an order given on him to Diamond Pearl	10-0-0
Money lent the town by the Selectmen	15-17-0
	2207-11-7
Paid Mr Hill to make up his salary	31-4-0
Paid Eleazar Tolman for Building the fence on the Parsonage lot	21-0-0
	2263-15-7
Bor ^d from this list to pay the Treasurer's and two Constables' fines	49-0-0
Raised in Constable Kentworth Hayes Rate list for the year 1762.	2312-15-7 63-10-0
Addition by Paid orders about the house & fence in New Kenor	605-18-3
In the Selectmen's hands Brought from Page ^x	35-12-0
Drawn out of Constable Dam's hands from Page ^x	53-4-9
Raised in Constable Kingetts Rate list for the year 1761 Brought from Page ^x	1522-18-10 2217-13-10
Money in Constable Kingetts hands	36-5-4
Money in Constable Kentworth Hayes hands	109-0-9
Money in the Selectmen's hands	13-5-10
Borrowed from this list to pay y ^e Treasurer and two Constables' fines	2375-5-9 41-0-0

Province of New Hampshire } To the freeholders and Inhabi-
 tants of Rochester Qualified by law
 to Vote in town affairs:
 You are hereby notified of a Publick town meet-
 ing to be holden in the meeting house in sd
 Rochester on Monday the 29th day of this Instant
 March at ten of the clock in the forenoon of sd
 day then and there to choose all town officers
 for the year ensuing as the Law Directs and
 also to see and Vote what the town will do fur-
 ther on the Parsonage house this year Ensuing
 and how, and also to see if the town will
 choose and Empower some suitable Persons as a
 Committee to complete fencing in the Parson-
 age lot on which the Rev^d Mr Hill now lives
 according to agreement with him by letting
 of it out to a Vendue to the lowest Bidder or other
 ways as the town shall judge most for the
 Publick advantage and also to see if the town
 will clear and sow hay seed on some part of
 said lot this spring and also to see if the town
 will be at the cost of running out the Parson-
 age land in this town left by the Proprietors
 for a ministerial use and deliver the Pos-
 session where the Right is invested that it
 may be taken care of for the use intended
 And also to take care of the school land or the
 Right of land left in sd town for the use of
 a school and lease out the home lot of sd
 Right if the town shall think best to him
 or them that will give most and do best

for it and on it and also to hear the repeated
 request of the people on Blind Hill's Neck so called
 to Procure or Build them a Bridge over the Co-
 checo river, so called, or Buy them a Road that
 may be wanting or convenient to any bridge
 that is already built for them to pass and re-
 pass to meeting and other business and also
 to choose some suitable Person to take an Inven-
 tory of the Polls and stocks rateable on sd town
 all the above articles to be acted on as the town
 shall judge best and also to do any other matter
 or thing that may be thought conducive to the
 good of the community and all persons con-
 cerned are desired to give attendance at time
 and Place

Rochester, March 20th 1762

By order of the Selectmen, Jon^a Dam, Town Clerk.

Province of New Hampshire } At a legal town meeting hold-
 en in the meeting house in
 Rochester on Monday 29th day of March 1762
 of the freeholders Qualified by Law to Vote in
 Publick town meetings.

1 James Place } Chosen Moderator of sd meeting

2 Jon^a Dam } Chosen Town Clerk

Jon^a Dam

John Plummer

3 Jon^a Ham

Pick^d Wentworth

William Allen

Chosen Selectmen for sd year.

- 4 Latham Cleavey } Chosen Constables
Gideon Tibbets }
- 5 Eleazar Bolman } Chosen Assessors
Ebenezer Chamberlain }
- 6 Jabez Dam } Chosen Commissioners
Moses Hayes }
- John Trickey
Josiah Wain
- 7 Lebelon Dam Jr } Chosen Surveyors of the highways
John Herd
James Knowles }
- 8 John Hammett Jr } Chosen "Hawards"
John Richards
Schabod Cowell }
- 9 Joseph Knight } Chosen Field Drivers
John Hute
Don Hodgdon }
- Jacob Chamberlain
- 10 Benjamin Hayes } Chosen Lying men
William Janness }
- 11 Schabod Hosen } Chosen to search who
William Mc Duffee } Kill Deer contrary to Law.
- 12 Jacob Chamberlain chosen according to the
foregoing Notification to take an Inventory for
the present year upon oath and have nine
pounds old tenor for so doing and bring
it in on the adjournment of this meeting.
- Moses Hayes } Chosen a committee ac-
cording to the foregoing
Notification to let out
the remainder of the fence on the Parsonage
- 13 Daniel Hingett
Alexander Hodgdon }

lot on which Mr Hill now lives by letting of it
out at a Public Vendue to the lowest Bidder and
the Selectmen of Rochester for the time being
to Raise money by a tax on the Polls and Es-
tates of sd town for Payment of the same and
the same committee to Proceed as soon as can
well be and let out the home lot so called left
by the Proprietors in this town for the use of a
school to him or them that will give most
for it for the space of six years and Bind him
or them by lease not to Waste the wood or
timber on sd lot.

And the meeting adjourned to Monday
the thirty first day of May next at two of the
clock in the afternoon on sd day.

Monday the thirty first day of May met ac-
cording to adjournment.

And it was Put to Vote agreeable to the fore-
going Notification whether the town will
agree for the Selectmen to Raise the sum of
five hundred pounds old tenor by a tax on
the Polls and Estates in sd town for the
committee to Proceed with and lay out this
present year on the ministerial house in
this town in which Mr Hill now lives.

And Voted in the affirmative.

And the meeting adjourned to Monday the
thirtieth day of August next at two of the
clock in sd day.

Monday the thirtieth day of August 1762 Met
according to adjournment.

And Lthamer Seavey was voted out from
serving Constable in consideration of his
not being capable in person to serve and
Kentworth Hayes was chosen Constable in
the room of Lthamer Seavey so voted out.
And the meeting Dissolved.

Rochester March 17th 1763.

Then Recd of the selectmen of sd Rochester the
sum of sixty eight pounds nineteen shil-
lings four pence sterling in full of my salary
in sd town Beginning the nineteenth day
of Nov^r 1760, to the last day of March 1762 being
one year four months eleven days and accord-
ingly Discharge the town for sd sum to sd
date of March 31, 1762. Witness my hand
Saml Hill

The town's Credit on Province List Rochester
March 28th 1763

Raised in Constable Gideon Tibbets Rate list
for the year 1762 580-2-5

Money in the selectmens hands

Brought from Page 7-13-5

Benj^a Hayes and Friestram Harb's fines
for not serving Constables 10-0-8

A debt due to the town paid by Josiah Wain 17-14-8
615-10-4

Rochester 1763 The town of Rochester Debt.
In the Province Rate list for the year 1762.

Paid the Province Treasury 618-7-0

Paid the selectmen and Surveyors for
Running a highway up to the
Lifton town so called 5-5-0

Paid for writing two deeds for the town
service 8-15-0

Paid for writing and returning warrants
to warn sundries out of town 8-15-0

Paid the selectmen for writing Rate lists and
Expenses 5-0-0

Paid for writing Indentures for Abigail
and Eben Hammetts 1-10-0

Paid for carrying Eben Hammetts to Newmar-
ket and Expenses 2-8-0

Paid for Eben Hammetts clothing 12-10-10

The town In Debt in the Province list
in Balance from Page 2-1-4

Constable Tibbets Rate taken of 2-15-0

Paid Constable Tibbets for warning

Lundries out of town 0-7-6
 Constable Tibbets list William
 Berry and Pershom Downs in the army
 and rates not paid 3-6-0

654-11-10

Paid Constable Hayes for warning
 Town Officers -15-0

Borrowed from the town list to pay the 655-6-10
 Province Treasurer 36-19-10

Paid Jacob Chamberlain for taking
 an Inventory 12-5-1

Constable Tibbets Rate taken of
 694-11-8

Rochester, 16th April 1764.
 Then Recd of Constable Henry Tibbets the
 sum of eighteen hundred thirty one pounds
 eight shillings old tenor in full of his Rate
 list committed to him to collect for the year
 1763

John Plummer
 William Allen
 Moses Hayes
 Stephen Berry } Selectmen

Recd Pr us.
 £1831-8-0 old tenor

To the Freeholders and Inhabitants of the
 town of Rochester such as are Qualified by
 Law to Vote in town meeting to be holden
 in the meeting house in Rochester on Mon-
 day the 28th day of this Instant March at
 ten of the clock in the forenoon then and
 there to choose all town officers for the year
 ensuing as the Law Directs. And as the
 Rev. Mr Hill has settled with the town and
 given a Receipt in full to the last day of
 March 1762 Dollars six Pounds Or Dollars
 and "sence" that time he has been obliged
 to give after the rate of seven pounds he de-
 sires the town would consider in a friendly
 manner that at 6 Pounds Or Dollars is
 not equal to his agreement with sd town
 now and that they would make it equal
 without breach of unity which he desires by
 all means to keep and also to see if the town
 will Vote to do any thing on the Ministerial
 house this present year and how and how
 much and if they will Vote to clear away
 part of the Parsonage lot on which Mr Hill
 now lives by labour or other ways and also
 to hear the request of the inhabitants of
 Blind Hall's Wick and choose a committee to
 see if they can find or Procure a road to the
 Cochles River so called, on each side where
 may be found a suitable place to build a
 bridge for sd people to pass and re-pass to
 meeting or other Business and if such a

place can be Procured then the town to Vote
to Proceed and Build a Bridge for the use aforesaid
and also to see if the town will Vote to pay Capt
Roberts for the stones to stone the cellar under
the ministerial house or no and also to choose
some suitable person to take an Inventory
of the Polls and Estates Rateable in sd town
and also to do any other matter or thing that
may be thought proper to be done on sd day
And all persons concerned are desired to
give attendance at time and place By order
and in Behalf of the Selectmen

Or Jon^a Dam, Town Clerk

Rochester, March ye 19th 1763.

Province of New Hampshire } At a legal town meeting hold-
en in the meeting house in
Rochester on Monday the 28th day of March 1763
of the freeholders and inhabitants Qualified
by Law to Vote in Publick town meetings.

1 Will^m Chamberlain } Chosen Moderator

2 Jon^a Dam } Chosen town clerk

Jon^a Dam
3 John Drummer } Chosen Selectmen
Ens William Allen

4 Tristram Herd } Chosen Constable
Benjamin Hayes

5 Isaac Lebb } Chosen Overseers of the Poor
Wentworth Hayes

6 William Chamberlain } Chosen Assessors
Isaac Lebb

7 Jabez Dam } Chosen Commissioners.
Lt Charles Rogers

Samuel Hayton
Joseph Knight
8 Ens^l James McDuffee } Chosen Surveyors of the
Quibben Herd } highways.
Solomon Perkins
Lehabod Cowell

Moses Brown
9 Samuel Kingett } Chosen Tithing men
William Chamberlain

Le Thomas Slavery }
10 John Vute } Chosen Field Drivers.
Joshua Knight
Tristram Capps

11 Joseph Thompson } Chosen Haywards.
William Ellis Jun^r

12 Lehabod Losen } Chosen to see who kill
William McDuffee } deer contrary to law.

13 It was Put to Vote according to the foregoing
notification whether the town will consider
and pay Mr Hill his salary in our currency
after the Rate of dollars seven pounds Or
dollar which he says he has been forced
to give for the year 1762.

And Voted in the Negative.

14 It was Put to Vote whether the town will
do any thing on the ministerial house
towards completing the same according to
the foregoing Notification this present year or
no - and Voted in the Negative

15 It was put to vote according to the foregoing Notification whether the town would do anything on the Parsonage lot of land on which Mr. Hill now lives towards clearing the same and it was voted in the affirmative and that the sum of two hundred pounds old tenor should be raised for the use above and the selectmen to raise money on the Polls and Estates Rateable in sd Rochester for payment of the same as for other town charges and

Barthabas Palmer / Shown a committee to
 Lehabod Losen / carry on the same as
 Jon^a Ham / far as sd sum will go and
 every inhabitant to be notified by sd committee and if they see cause do their part in labour and they to have fifty shillings old tenor or day finding themselves and the committee to keep an exact account of the labour so done and bring it in to the selectmen and the same shall be discounted out of their Rates for sd year 1763.

16 John White chosen according to the foregoing Notification to take an Inventory of the Polls and Estates Rateable in sd town and to deliver the same to the selectmen and to have ten pounds old tenor paid him for the same.

17 James Place (Chosen a committee according to the foregoing notification to see if they can find

or procure a highway on each side of the Cocheco river so called in this town in a suitable place to build a bridge for the use aforesaid and make report to this meeting on the adjournment of the same of the circumstances of sd river and ways that the town may proceed accordingly in building sd bridge or not. And the meeting adjourned to Monday the 30th day of May next at two of the clock afternoon of sd day.

Monday the 30th day of May met according to adjournment and the Committee chosen to survey the river and ways over the Cocheco in this town so called appear not to make report how they find sd river and ways Benjamin Hayes and Eustam Hurd appeared in the meeting and paid their fines for not serving Constables to which they were chosen. And the meeting adjourned to the last Monday in June at two of the clock in the afternoon of sd day.

Monday June y^r 26th 1763 Met according to adjournment and

Thomas Drew / Chosen Constables
 John Musseat

And the meeting adjourned to the last Monday in July at three of the clock in y^r afternoon of sd day

July y^r 25 1763 met according to adjournment and Thomas Drew and John Musseat appeared in the meeting and paid their fines for

not serving constables and
 Henry Tibbitts } chosen constables
 William McDuffee }
 and the meeting Dissolved

Rochester 31st March 1763.

Then Recd of the Selectmen of sd Rochester the
 sum of fifty pounds sterling the full of my
 salary in said town for the year 1762 and also
 to the above date of the 31 day of March 1763.

I say Recd of me

Saml Hill.

Province of New Hampshire } June 3rd 1763. Recd of Capt Thos H.
 Waldron four hundred twenty five
 pounds six shillings six pence new tenor and
 sixteen pounds twelve shillings sterling Bills.
 £ 425-6-6 Part of the Province tax of Roches-
 £ 16-12-0 Sterlg. ter for the year 1762.

Or George Jaffrey, Treasurer.

Province of New Hampshire } July 13 1763. Recd of John Plum-
 mer eighty nine pounds five
 shillings six pence in part of the Province tax
 of Rochester for y^r year 1762.

89-5-6 Or George Jaffrey Treasurer.

Total 2473-8-0 old tenor
 in both the above Receipts the Province tax
 of Rochester 1762.

Rochester 19th Dec^r 1763.

Then Recd of the Selectmen of sd Rochester the
 sum of fifty pounds sterling in full of my
 salary for one year in sd town Beginning
 on the first day of April 1763 and ending on

the last day of March 1764

Recd of me Saml Hill

Province of New Hampshire } March 27th 1764 Recd of Mr Jonⁿ Dam
 ninety nine pounds twelve shil-
 lings new tenor Bills of Credit and twenty pounds
 seventeen shillings sterling Bills of Credit which
 he tendered as part of the Province tax of Roches-
 ter for the year 1763. U. S. 99-12-0. Sterlg 70-17-0

Or George Jaffrey, Treasurer.

Province of New Hampshire } April 21st 1764. Received of John
 Plummer twelve pounds three
 shillings sterling Bills of Credit the remainder
 of the sterling tax Due from Rochester for the
 year 1763

£ 12-30 Sterling Or George Jaffrey, Treasurer.

The town of Rochester's account of Credit in the
 Province list for the year 1763 Paid in Constable
 William McDuffee's Rate list 692-0-0

The town's Debt in the Province list

Paid the Province Treasurer 542-8-4

Paid John Vute for taking an Inventory 2-10-0

Paid the clerk for Returning Jury men 1-10-0

Paid for Writing Rate lists and Countersigns 5-0-0

Paid William Jenness for a Hogs head 1-0-0

Paid Jonⁿ Dam for Abigail Hammett's Clothing 5-13-9

Paid Surveyor and Selectmen for Running highways 2-5-0

Drawback on Lt David Loph's Rate 0-11-3

Borrowed from the other list to pay the Treas-
 urer last year 4-10-0

Paid the Treasurer more to make up the
 tax for y^e year 1763 75-18-9

Drawback on James Hill	1-10-0
Constable Mr Duffie's Rate taken of for making up in the year	4-17-9
Drawbacks on Samuel Twombly's fine Rate	0-9-0
Borrowed from this list to pay what was wanting in the other list	9-16-2
	695-1-2
The town of Rochester's ^{Credit} account in the town list for the year 1763	
Raised in Constable Henry Tibbets Rate list	495-11-9
Thomas Drew and John Musseat fines for not serving Constables	10-0-0
Borrowed from this list to pay the Treasurer last year	41-10-0
Paid by Constables Hayes of his arrears	4-6-3
	551-8-0
The town of Rochester's Debt in the town list 1763	
Paid Mr Hill his salary for sd year	388-17-6
Paid the labourers on the Parsonage lot of land	56-11-3
Paid for Work and Material on the seats in y ^e meeting house	9-13-9
Paid for work done and material on the Ministerial house	12-2-2
Paid for writing orders on the Constable	0-15-0
Paid Clearer Holman and others for building the Parsonage fence last year By order of the Committee	18-0-0
Paid Mr Hill out of this list to make up his	

salary for the year 1762	22-3-0
Borrowed from this list to pay the Treasurer	41-10-0
	549-12-8
Left in the Selectmen's hands	3-5-5
	552-18-1
	551-8-0
This Balance belongs to the Province list	1-10-1

Province of } To the freeholders and inhabitants of the town of Rochester in sd Province

You are hereby notified of a Publick town meeting to be holden in the meeting house in sd Rochester on Monday the twenty sixth day of this Instant March at ten of the clock in the forenoon of sd day then and there to choose all town officers for this present year as the Law Directs and also to see if the town will Vote to do any thing on the Ministerial House or clear away part of the Parsonage lot on which sd house stands or not and if so how much and how whether by labour or a money tax; and also to Consider and Vote whether the town will Procure a road from Squamagonnick Bridge so called acrossst Ens Edward Tibbets land and others to a high way above Mr John Junness land to get to the road that runs lengthways of Blind Hill's Neck for sd Neck people to Pass and Repass to meeting or other Business where it may be thought most convenient and if Voted choose a committee to agree with the own-

and lay out the same; and also to see whether the town will vote to do any thing towards buying, Clearing or Repairing the road from Norway Plains so called in this town, up to New Durham so called; and also to choose some suitable person to take an Inventory of the Polls and Estates Rateable in sd town and also to do any other matter or thing that may be thought proper to be done on sd day; and all persons concerned are desired to give attendance at time and place.

By order of the Selectmen

Or Jon^a Damm, Town Clerk

Rochester 10th March 1764.

Province of New Hampshire } At a legal town meeting hold-
in the meeting house in
Rochester in sd Province on Monday the 26th
day of March 1764 of the freeholders Qualified by
law to vote in Publick town meeting

1 John Plummer } Chosen Moderator

2 Jon^a Damm } Chosen town clerk

Em^l Stephen Perry

3 Lt John Mc Duffee } Chosen Selectmen
Moses Hayes

4 It was Put to Vote whether to choose three
Selectmen or five for the present year and
voted five.

5 Em^l William Allen } Chosen Selectmen
John Plummer

6 Abraham Cook } Chosen Constables
Zebulon Damm

And the meeting adjourned to Monday the 16th
day of April next at twelve of the clock on sd day
Monday 16th April met according to adjournment
And Abraham Cook and Zebulon Damm Ju^r appear-
ed in the meeting and paid their fines for not
serving Constables to which they were chosen

7 John Ham } Chosen Constables.
Samuel Hingett

8 Lt David Poppe } Chosen Assessors.
Mentworth Hayes

9 John Trickey } Chosen Commissioners
James Rogers Ju^r

10 Moses Brown } Chosen Tything men
Eliasar Solomon

Sarnabas Palmer
Alexander Hodgdon

11 Ebenezer Varney } Chosen surveyors of the
highways
Schabod Bosen
Jon^a Hodgdon

12 Thomas Cleave } Chosen Field Drivers
Joseph Thompson

Isaac Stanton
Jon^a Ellis

13 John Richards } Chosen Hog Reeths
John Vate

14 Schabod Bosen } Chosen to see who kill
William Mc Duffee } deer contrary to law.

15 It was Put to Vote according to the foregoing
notification whether the town will do any
thing on the ministerial house this present

year; and voted in the negative

16 It was put to vote whether the town will do any thing on the Parsonage lot of land on which sd house stands this present year and voted in the affirmative

17 It was voted to Raise the sum of three hundred pounds old tenor to be laid out in Clearing the lot of land on which Mr Hill now lives

18 Jonathan Ham } Chosen a committee accord-
Barnabas Palmer } ing to the foregoing vote to
Ichabod Corser } clear on sd Parsonage lot as
far as the sum of three hundred pounds old
tenor will go and the committee and the
committee to notify the inhabitants when to
go to work and keep exact account of the labour
so done and the persons that did it and deliver
the account to the Selectmen for the time who
are directed to discount the same out of their
Rates for the present year after y^e rate of fifty
shillings old tenor or day every man finding
himself and oxen.

19 It was put to vote whether the town will
Procure a road according to the foregoing
notification for the Blind Hill's Neck people,
so called to pass and repass.-

And voted in the affirmative.

En^d James W^m Duffee } Chosen a committee to
Isaac Hebb } lay out the above sd
Lt David Lopp } highway in the most con-
venient place and agree with the owners
of sd land of the price on the easiest terms

it can be had and the Selectmen for the time
being are directed to tax the Polls and Estates in
sd town to defray the charge of the same.

Rochester, 16th April 1764.

Then Read of Constable William W^m Duffee the
sum of six hundred ninety two pounds new
tenor in full of his Rate list committed to
him to collect in sd town for the year 1763.

Read for us

John Chumner

William Allen Selectmen

Hose Hayes

20 It was put to vote whether the town will do
anything on the road leading through this
town up to New Durham according to the fore-
going Notification and voted in the affirmative
and voted that the surveyors of said town for
the present year shall warn twenty men out
of different parts of the town to go and lay out
two nights and work three days on sd road
and said twenty men shall be cleared from
working on any other highways in said town
for the present year.

21 Isaac Hebb Chosen to take an Inventory of
the Polls and Estates Rateable in sd town for
the present year and to have twelve pounds
old tenor for taking the same discounted out
of his rates on delivering of the same to the Se-
lectmen.

And the meeting adjourned to Monday the 2nd
day of May next three of clock on sd day.

Monday y^e 21st day of May 1764 met according to adjournment

And the meeting adjourned to the third Monday in July at three of the clock afternoon of sd day.

Monday y^e 15 July met according to adjournment.

22 And Richard Place Chosen Constable for y^e present year in the room of Samuel Hinget who paid his fine.

And the meeting adjourned to the first Monday in August next at three of clock in the afternoon of sd day.

Monday 1st August met according to adjournment and the meeting dissolved.

Province of New Hampshire } March 28th 1765 Recd of Isaac Lebbby twenty five pounds sixteen shillings new tenor Bills of Credit as part of the Province tax of Rochester for the year 1765
£25-16-0 Geo Jaffrey, Treasurer.
new tenor.

Province of New Hampshire } To the freeholders and inhabitants of Rochester in sd Province of the Congregational Society.

You are hereby notified of a Public town meeting to be holden in the meeting house in sd Rochester on Monday the sixteenth day of this Instant April at one of the clock on sd day then and there to see and vote to call some Orthodox man that may stand as candidate

for Ministry to preach the Gospel or supply the desk in sd town during the Rev. Mr Hills indisposition or longer as the circumstances of sd town may call for the same and if so voted choose some suitable Persons as a committee to give such an one a call and agree with him for his temporary salary during his supplying the desk in sd town; and all persons concerned are desired to attend and speak and act for themselves.

By order of the selectmen, Rufon Tam, Town Clerk.
Rochester 16th of April, 1764.

Province of New Hampshire } At a legal town meeting of the New Hampshire Freeholders and Inhabitants Lawfully by law to Vote in Public town meetings holden in the meeting house in Rochester on Monday the 16th day of April 1764.

John Plumer } Chosen Moderator of sd meeting
2 It was Put to Vote to see whether the town will give some Orthodox man a call to preach as mentioned in the foregoing notification And Voted in the affirmative

3 As James Knowles } Chosen as a committee according to the foregoing vote
William Jenness }
Ems^d Edward Tebbets } to give some suitable minister a call to preach in
William Chamberlain } sd town during Mr Hills
Lt. John Mc Duffee } indisposition or otherways
Isaac Lebbby } as the town's circumstances
John Plumer } may call for the same.

And the meeting dissolved.

Province of New Hampshire } To the freeholders and Inhabitants of the town of Rochester in sd Province of the Congregationalists Society in consequence of the death of Mr Hill in this town since our annual meeting the agreement with him and this town is void.

You are hereby notified of a Publick town meeting to be holden in the meeting house in sd Rochester on Monday the 21st day of this instant May three of clock afternoon sd day then and there to see and vote what sum or sums of money the selectmen for the time being shall raise in this town to defray the charge of the Rev. Mr Hill's funeral and how much for procuring some candidate in the Ministry to supply the desk the year current as there was none voted at our annual meeting: and as this is an affair that nearly concerns us all, all that can are desired to attend a short space and solidly debate this affair.

Given under our hands in Rochester this 12th day of May Anno Domini 1764.

William Allen

Moses Hayes
Stephen Berry

Selectmen of Rochester

Province of New Hampshire } At a legal town meeting holden in the meeting house in Rochester on Monday the 21st day of May 1764 of the freeholders Qualified by Law to vote in town meetings.

Isaac Leiby Shosen Moderator of sd meeting.

2 It was Put to vote whether the town would agree to raise the sum of fifteen hundred pounds, old tenor for defraying the charge of the Rev. Mr Hill's funeral and to procure some Orthodox man to supply the desk as a minister in sd town for the year current or till our annual meeting if there should be occasion of the same and voted in the affirmative.

And the meeting dissolved

Rochester, 27th March 1765.

Then Recd of Constable Rich^d Place the sum of sixty one pounds, twelve shillings old tenor which with other payments made before is in full of his Rate list emitted to him from the Selectmen of sd town to collect for the year 1764 and discharge him in the town's behalf of any further demands on him for said Rate list.

I say Recd pr us, James Knowles
Isaac Leiby
Daniel Kingate

Selectmen.

Province of New Hampshire } June 7th 1765 Recd pr Capt. Thom. as W. Waldron the sum of of ninety nine pounds twelve shillings, Bills of Credit of sd Province new tenor Province tax for Rochester for the year 1764

By Geo Gaffrey, Treasurer.

99-12-0

New tenor

Province of } To the freeholders and Inhabitants
New Hampshire } of the town of Rochester of the church
and congregationalists society.

Whereas Mr Gilman has supplied the desk
in this town as a Minister some time past
and he being desirous of knowing the minds
of the people whether they are inclined that he
should do so any time longer or not.

You are hereby notified of a Public town meeting
to be holden in the meeting house in sd
Rochester on Monday y^e third day of September
next at three of the clock in the afternoon of
sd day then and there to Consider and Vote
whether the town will sit under the sd Mr
Gilman's preaching any time longer and
if so how long or whether the town will chosse
some suitable persons as a committee or Vote
the former committee shall seek further for
some Orthodox man that may stand as can-
didate for sd employment that the sd Mr
Gilman may have an answer as he requests
And all persons concerned are desired to give
attendance at time and place

Given under our hands in Rochester this 25th
day of August 1764.

Moses Hayer

William Allen

Stephen Berry

Selectmen of Rochester

Province of } At a legal town meeting holden
New Hampshire } in the meeting house in Roches-
ter on Monday the third of Sept^r 1764 of the free-
holders and other Inhabitants Qualified by
law to Vote in Public town meetings

Ens^r William Allen } Chosen Moderator of sd
meeting

Dec^r Joseph Halker

Jhn^a Ham

Ens^r William Allen } Chosen a committee ac-
cording to the foregoing
Dec^r James Knowles } notification to procure
Rich^d Kentworth } some suitable candidate
or candidates in the min-
istry to supply the desk occasionally in sd town
till our next annual meeting first desiring

Mr Gilman to supply sd desk two or three
Sabbaths longer if it may be his pleasure to
tarry that time and look out as soon as may
be for some orthodox man to supply sd desk
the remainder of the year as above mention-
ed if the town shall not see fit to alter sd
Vote before sd annual meeting and the com-
mittee to draw orders on the Selectmen for
the time being for defraying the charge of
the same.

And the meeting dissolved.

Province of } To the freeholders and Inhab-
New Hampshire } itants of the town of Rochester
of the church and congregation.

In answer to the Request of the Church in
sd town agreed on at a meeting of theirs hold-
en in sd town on the fifth day of this instant

Your the minutes of which meeting were pre-
 sented to the Selectmen of sd town
 You are hereby notified of a Publick town meet-
 ing to be holden in the meeting house in sd
 Rochester on Monday the 12th day of this Instant
 Your at one oth clock afternoon sd day then and
 there, 1st to vote to give Mr Gilman a call to preach
 awhile in sd town longer on approbation if
 the inhabitants agree with them and if not
 2^d to see if the church and congregation will
 vote to give Mr Bowen at Portsmouth in sd
 Province or any other Orthodox man that may
 stand as candidate in the ministry a call
 to preach in sd town a while on approbation
 or other ways as when together may be thought
 most prudent. 3^d to choose some suitable persons
 as a committee or vote the committee chosen at
 our last meeting to carry what may then be
 voted into Execution and all concerned are
 desired to give attendance at time and place.
 Rochester 7th Nov^r 1764.

By order of the Selectmen Pr

Jon^a Damm Town Clerk.

Province of } At a legal town meeting holden
 New Hampshire } in the meeting house in Rochester
 on Monday the 12th day of November 1764 of the
 freeholders qualified by Law to vote in Publick
 town meetings the following business was
 transacted. Viz:

1st John Plummer } Chosen Moderator of sd
 meeting.

2^d It was Put to Vote to see whether the town
 will hire Mr Gilman to preach in this town
 any longer on approbation at present and
 Voted in the Negative.

3^d It was Put to Vote to see whether the town
 will hire Mr Bowen at Portsmouth in sd
 Province to preach in this town the space of
 six weeks or two months from the date here-
 of on approbation agreeable to the foregoing
 notification and Voted in the affirmative.

4th It is Voted that the committee chosen at
 our last meeting Viz:

Dea ^m Joseph Walker	} Proceed and hire Mr Bow- en to preach in sd town for the time limited in the foregoing Vote and draw orders on the Selectmen of sd town for the time being for payment of the same And the meeting dissolved.
Jon ^a Ham	
Em ^s William Allen	
Dea ^m James Knowles	

Province of } To the freeholders and inhabi-
 New Hampshire } tants of the town of Rochester
 of the Church and Congregation By request of
 the committee chosen at a town meeting
 holden in the meeting house in sd Rochester
 not long since to procure some candidate in
 the ministry to supply the desk in sd town
 You are hereby notified of a Publick town
 meeting to be holden in the meeting house
 in sd Rochester on Monday the 2^d day of this
 instant January one of the clock on sd day then

and there to see if the Church and Congregation when together will Vote that said Committee shall proceed to hire Mr Bowen to supply said desk till our annual town meeting in March or choose some other committee to agree with him or to call some other Orthodox candidate in the Ministry to supply the desk sd term as when together may be judged most prudent and all concerned are desired to give attendance at time & place By order of ye Selectmen & Jon^a Dam, Town Clerk Province of New Hampshire } At a legal town meeting holden in the meeting house in Rochester on Monday the 21st day of January 1765 of the freeholders and Inhabitants qualified by Law to Vote in Publick town meetings (Mrs Edward Cebbetts) Chosen Moderator of sd meeting.

2 It was Put to Vote agreeable to the foregoing notification whether the committee chosen at our last town meeting holden in sd town on the 12th day of November 1764 should agree with Mr Bowen to supply the desk as a minister in sd town till our annual town meeting in March next and draw orders to defray the charge of the same And voted in the affirmative And the meeting Dissolved

The town's account in the Province List Credit
 A Balance left last year from Page 1-10-0
 To a Constables fine 5-0-0
 Raised in Constable John Ham's Rate list for y^e year 1764 217-8-0
 223-8-0

The town's Debt in the Province List 1764
 Paid the Province Treasurer 99-13-
 Paid Jonathan Ham for keeping Abigail Hammett 11-5-
 Paid for Work done on the Lingle's Bridge seventeen days fifty shillings old tenor per day 10-12-0
 Paid Isaac Leiby for taking an inventory 3-0-0
 Paid Diamond Pearl and Paul Jennes for three days work on the Lingle's Bridge 5 per day 2-5-
 Paid for writing Rate lists and Counter signs 4-
 And Returning Jury men 2-5-
 133-0-6

Balance in y^e Constables hands 90-17-7
 This account in new tenor 223-18-1
 The town of Rochester's account of Debt in y^e Province affairs and Rate list for y^e year 1765
 Returned to the Treasurer all Paid
 Place's Rate list 14-13-0
 Paid y^e Treasurer what was lacking in sd Place's Rate list 5-3-3
 Paid Dec^r Knowles as an agent at Court 12-0
 Paid Isaac Leiby a Voyage to Portsmouth on town Business 9-4
 Paid Capt Ephraim Berry for a Surveyor Running Tuxton Road 6-0

Paid ye town Clerk of town's money as per

Receipt

2-15-5

In Constable Ham's hands Town's
money and orders unsettled

8-17-6

This account is in lawful money 62-16-6

The town of Rochester's account in ye Province

Rate list for ye year 1765 Credit

The last year's Balances above in Con-
stable Ham's hands

18-13-6

Raised in Constable David Place's Rate
list for year 1765

44-13-

This is lawful money

62-16-6

Due to Ebenezer Place Jur for Wolf's head - 4-0

Paid to Ephraim Ham R Wolf's head - 4-0

Due to the town clerk Pr drawing and
returning Jury men

- 12-0

1-0-0

The above is the true state of the Town's ac-
count. Witness our hands:

James Knowles Selectmen for the
Daniel Kingate Town of Rochester
for ye year 1765

The town of Rochester's account of credit in a list
Appropriated to a Ministerial use.

Raised in Constable Richard Place's Rate list 456-17-6

To two Constables fines

10-0-

In the Selectmen's hands last year

from Page "

1-15-4

In Constable Kentworth Hayes's hands
from Page "

5-11-8

474-12-18

The town of Rochester's Debt Appropriated to a
Ministerial use.

Paid Richard Walker

7-11-5

Paid for Work done on the Parsonage
lot of land to 120 1/2 work 12-5 pr day

70-0-8

Paid Joseph Knight & Ruben Ford

Pr back order

1-2-6

Paid William Ellis for digging Minis-
ter's Graves & a day's work, back order

2-9-

Paid Nathaniel Burnum for Mr Main's
Coffin

2-10-

Paid Widow Elanor Richards for a Cow

2-2-0

Paid Isaac Stanton & Barnabas Palmer
Laying a hearth

1-7-6

Paid Alexander Hodgdon for expenses
at a Vendue

-10-

Paid Dec^m Knowles for going after ministers

2-10

Paid Mrs Hill for boarding ministers

25-0

Paid Mr Hasee for preaching

30- -

Paid Ens^m Tibbets for boarding Mr Bowen

38-15-

Paid Mr Gelman for preaching

111-17-0

Paid Mr Bowen for preaching

2-0-0

Paid for writing Rate list Countersign
and a list of orders on a Constable

1-0-0

A drawback for William Berry's Rate he
gone East

1-0-0

Paid Mr Hill's funeral expenses in part

57-15-0

Drawback on James Locke

3-12-0

In Constable Kentworth Hayes's hands

6-11-0

In Constable Rich^d Place's hands on settlement

107-6-8

Exclusive of the list of orders

474-4-8

Province of New Hampshire } To the freeholders and Inhabitants of the town of Rochester in said Province Qualified by law to Vote in Publick town meetings

You are hereby notified of a Publick town meeting to be holden in the meeting house in Rochester on Monday the 25th day of this Instant March at ten of the clock in the forenoon of sd day then and there to act and vote on the following particulars: Viz:

1st To choose all town officers for y^e year current as the law directs

2nd To see if the Inhabitants will vote to reduce the Poll tax as one is now doomed by law and Custom at 18^s to bring it to either 12^s 14 or 16 for this present year which may be judged most reasonable.

3rd To see what the town will do about clearing or repairing the road through this town to New Durham and how they will do it or let it alone and chance a presentment.

4th To see what the town will do about repairing the Linsglass Bridge so called in this town which is much impaired.

5th To agree on some method for securing and Improving the Parsonage lot of land and the Buildings thereon that they may be improved for the advantage of the town.

6th To vote what sum of money the selectmen in this town for the present year shall Raise on the Polls and Estates within the same to

defray the charge of an Outdoor Ministry to supply the sick for y^e year current.

To choose a committee or committees if wanted to carry any of the foregoing articles into execution if Voted or to do any other Business proper to be done on said day and all concerned are desired to give attendance at time and place.

Rochester 16th March 1765.

By order of the Selectmen Or

Jon^a Dam, Town Clerk.

Province of New Hampshire } At a legal town meeting holden in the meeting house in Rochester on Monday the 25th day of March 1765 of the freeholders and Inhabitants Qualified by law to Vote in Publick town meetings the following Business was Transacted. Viz:

1st Dec^r James Knowles } Chosen Moderator of sd meeting.

2nd Jon^a Dam } Chosen Town Clerk for y^e present yr.

Dec^r James Knowles }
3 Daniel Wingate } Chosen Selectmen for y^e present year.
Isaac Lebbey }

4 David Place } Chosen Constables for the present year.
James Dearing }

5 It was Put to Vote whether the town will reduce the Poll tax as mentioned in the notification and Voted in the affirmative and Voted to reduce it to 14^s for the present year or till the town see cause to alter by another vote.

And the meeting adjourned to Monday the 8th day of April next one of the clock on sd day April y^d 8th met according to adjournment.

6 James Dearing Voted out from serving Constable for the present year.

7 Daniel McKeel chosen Constable in y^e room of Dearing so Voted out.

8 Jabez Dam Chosen Assessors y^e present year.
Jon^a Ham

9 Wentworth Hayes Chosen Commissioners present year.
Rich^d Wentworth

10 Samuel Chamberlain } Chosen Tything men
Samuel Kingate } for the present year.
Thomas Gartin }
Lehabod Corson }
Barnabas Palmer }

11 Reuben Herd } Chosen surveyors of the
William Jenness Jr } highways in sd Rochester
Jon^a Haighton } for the present year.
John Jenness Jr }

William Ellis Jr }
12 John Wute } Chosen Hog Reeves for the
Solomon Drown } present year.
Abraham Pearl }

13 Joshua Knight } Chosen Field Drivers for y^e
Jon^a Ellis } present year.

And the meeting adjourned to Monday the 29th day of April Instant ten oth clock said day Monday y^d 29th of April met according to adjournment.

14 Daniel McKeel appeared in the meeting

and paid his fine required by law to clear him from serving Constable.

15 Jesse Brown chosen Constable in the room of McKeel who cleared himself by paying the penalty y^e law requires.

16 It was Put to Vote agreeable to the foregoing notification whether the town will do any thing relating to the road through this town to sd Durham and voted in the affirmative and John Mc Duffee Chosen a committee to Lt Ephraim Perry search out the most convenient land for a road to New Durham and make a return to the town on the adjournment of this meeting of the circumstances of the land and road that the town may proceed about clearing said road or not as may be judged most prudent.

17 It was Voted that James Locke & William Ellis shall not pay their Rates as Solomon Clark used on them

by y^e selectmen for y^e year 1767.

18 It was Put to Vote whether the sum of four hundred pounds new tenor, should be raised by the selectmen on the Polls and Estates in said town for the support of the ministry for the present year: and Voted in the affirmative. And the meeting adjourned to Monday the 27th day of May two oth clock afternoon sd day Monday 27th of May met according to adjournment.

19 And Lt Mc Duffee appeared in the meeting

and says he has not been able to search out the road to New Durham but desired the meeting may be adjourned a short space and he will go and search it out and make return of the same at said adjournment.

20 It was voted according to the foregoing notification that the Linsglass Bridge shall be repaired by the surveyors the selectmen to direct the surveyors to an equality as near as for that purpose through sd town.

2 Barnabas Palmer (Chosen a committee William Jenness) To let out the Parsonage lot of land on which the building stands at a Publick Vendue to the highest bidder as soon as may be for the present year and put the sum it is bid of at in hay in the barn if there should be occasion otherways to be disposed of as may be of advantage to the town And the meeting adjourned to the second Monday in June 3rd clock afternoon of sd day The 2nd Monday in June met according to adjournment. And the meeting dissolved.

To the freeholders and Inhabitants of the town of Rochester such as by law are Qualified to Vote in Publick town meetings You are hereby notified of a Publick town meeting to be holden in the meeting house in Rochester on Monday the seventh day of October next at one o'clock in sd day then and there to see if this town will choose agents to defend a pre-

sentment against sd town for want of a good road from Rochester meeting house up to New Durham also to see if this town will Vote more work to be done on the road already begun so as to complete the same also to see if this town will choose a committee to join a committee from Barrington in order to settle and new run the south west line of Rochester that is between Barrington and Rochester also to see if the town will empower the former or choose a new committee to hire Mr Heathway any longer and if not to apply to and hire some other candidate in the Ministry to supply the town for the time being also to Vote or do any other matter or thing that may be lawful to be done on sd day and all persons concerned are desired to give their attendance at time and place. Given under our hands at Rochester this 28th day of Sept^r 1765.

James Knowles
Isaac Leiby
Daniel Kingate

Selectmen

Province of) At a legal town meeting hold
New Hampshire in in the meeting house in
Rochester on Monday y^e 7th day of October 1765
of the freeholders and inhabitants Qualified
by law to Vote in town meetings the follow-
ing Business was transacted Viz:
1st Ems^r Edward Tebbetts } Chosen Moderator of sd
meeting.

2 Voted that Dec^r James Knowles be agent for this town agreeable to the foregoing notification to answer the presentment this town lies under at the Court of Sessions relating to the road from Rochester meeting house to New Durham and to prosecute the same to final Judgment and Execution

3 Voted pursuant to the foregoing notification that there be two hundred days work more done on the road to New Durham as soon as can be by the surveyors as the other work was done and those that work on sd road to be exempt from so many days work on the other roads and bridges in sd town or till the other Inhabitants have done the like number of days work for the present year and voted in the affirmative

4 Voted that the surveyors have six oxen to go three days to work on sd road and the oxen to be paid out of the hire due to the town of the School or Parsonage lots of land.

5 Lt John McDuffee chosen a committee according to the foregoing notification to preambulate or new run the division line between Rochester and Barrington on a straight line from bound to bound not altering the reputed bounds or point of Compass.

6 John Plummer chosen a committee according to the foregoing notification to procure some

suitable candidate in the ministry to supply the desk in sd town as soon as may be a few Sabbaths or till the town shall see cause to agree on other terms or any space of time and draw order on the selectmen of sd town for y^e time being for the payment of the same.

And the meeting dissolved.

To the freeholders and Inhabitants of the town of Rochester such as by Law are qualified to vote in Publick town meetings for the settling a Gospel Minister in sd town

According to the desire of the Church and Congregation in the town above sd you are hereby notified of a Publick town meeting of the Church and Congregation to be holden at the meeting house in Rochester on Monday the 13th day of this Instant January at twelve of the clock in sd day then and there to see if the church and congregation will agree to choose a committee to give Mr Avery Hall a call for settling in the work of the Ministry in sd town and if agreed then to vote and give sd committee power to make such proposals as shall be a comfortable support and Maintenance and make Return to the Church and Congregation for their confirming the same if Mr Hall sees cause to except said call then to go on to final

settlement of the Church and Congregation see cause and all persons concerned are desired to give attendance at time & place at Rochester this 4th day of January 1766.

As Leby } Selectmen
Daniel Kingate }

Province of } At a legal town meeting hold-
New Hampshire } in the meeting house in
Rochester in sd province of the freeholders and
Inhabitants Church and Congregation Qual-
ified by law to vote in town meeting this 13th
day of January 1766 the following was trans-
acted.

1 Dec^r James Knowles } Chosen Moderator of sd
meeting

2 It was Put to Vote whether the town will
choose a committee to give Mr Avery Hall a
call for settlement as a Gospel Minister in
sd town; and voted in the affirmative

John Plummer Esq. } Chosen a committee
3 En^r Edward Tabbetts } according to the fore-
Dec^r James Knowles } going Vote to give Mr
Avery Hall a call for settlement as a Gospel
Minister in sd town and make proper pro-
posals of Encouragement for his comfortable
subsistence and maintainance as an
annual salary and the ministerial priv-
ileges in sd town appropriated to a Minis-
terial use in sd town and bring in his
answer and the proposals to the town on
the adjournment of this meeting that

the town may make it their own act if he
accepts the call.

And the meeting adjourned to Monday the
27th day of this instant January at 12th clock
at noon on sd day.

Monday y^e 27th of Jan^y 1766 met according to ad-
journment.

And the committee chosen to treat with
Mr Avery Hall relating to a call for settlement
in the Ministry in sd town as above appeared
in the meeting any say they have been with
Mr Hall and he says he sees no just impedi-
ment or bar in his way to prevent his set-
tlement if this town will give him a com-
fortable support and subsistence in the
same and thinks it most proper that the
town should Vote what sum they see cause
as an annual salary agreeable to which -
4 Voted that said committed proceed and
tender Mr Avery Hall the sum of seventy
pounds lawful money of sd province in the
town's behalf as his annual salary during
his ministration or supplying the desk as
a minister in sd town exclusive of the min-
isterial privilege in sd town appropriated
to a Ministerial use and Mr Hall's answer in
writing whether he accepts the call and of-
fer or not and sd committee to bring it
in to the town on the adjournment of
this meeting in order that such articles
may be drawn, signed and recorded as may

be thought proper and binding.

And the meeting adjourned to Monday y^e 3rd day of Febr^y next at 2^o clock afternoon sd day.

Monday y^e 3rd day of Febr^y 1766 met according to adjournment.

And the committee appeared in the meeting and say they have been with Mr Hall and tendered him the sum of seventy pounds lawful money as above voted in the town's behalf and he thinks it not sufficient and desires the town's consideration on the same pursuant to which -

5 The town voted to give seventy five pounds lawful money as annual salary.

And the meeting adjourned to Monday y^e 31st day of March next 8^o clock forenoon sd day Monday y^e 31st of March 1766 met according to adjournment.

And the committee appeared in the meeting and say they have been with Mr Hall and discoursed with him and he thinks the sum voted him is not Hon^{ble} and desires a consideration.

And it was put to vote whether the town will make an addition to the sum of seventy five pounds before voted and voted in the Negative.

And the meeting adjourned to the second Monday in May next at ten of the clock forenoon of sd day. And then dissolved.

The town of Rochester's Credit in the Towns list for 1765.

Recd of Constable Rich^d Place of his arrears from Page 21-9-4

En Constable Kentworth Hayes^s hand of his arrears from Page 1-4-5

Recd of Constable Moses Brown of his list for y^e year 1765 32-11-8

To a Constable fine 1- -
Lawful Money 56-4-9

The town's Debt and how sd money has been appropriated

Above mentioned in Constable Kentworth Hayes^s hands 1-4-5

Oliver Peavey's Rate taken of in Rich^d Places list 5-8

Paid Mr Andrew Storrs for preaching 7-16-

Paid Mr Gilman in part for preaching 9-17-

Paid pr going after Ministers 2 men 3 days 10-8

Paid for expenses to go to Exeter 1-10

Paid Mr Asahel Heathway for preaching 3-12-

To Money lent 4-

Paid to Henry Sherburne for Mr Hills

Funeral Expenses 12-2-8

Paid Samuel Sherburne Esq^r pr Mr

Amuel Cowen 8-12

Paid Isaac Leiby pr going to Newbury & Exeter 15-

Paid for nails about the meeting house 11-8

Paid for work done on y^e Carriage fence &

Buildings 5 days 12-6

Paid Peter Horn for spikes for y^e Carriage barn 3-11

Paid Capt Rich^d Waldron for his wife
boarding ministers 3-8-
Paid to the selectmen in money as per
receipt 8-14-7
This account is in lawful money 55-11-6
Paid Nathaniel Burnum for Mr Hill's
Coffin and other necessities 12-6
56-14-0
Paid to Dec^r Berry as per drawback 2-1
56-6-1

Province of July 3rd 1766. Recd of David
New Hampshire Place twenty two pounds eight
shillings and two pence, Proclamation money
and one hundred eleven pounds four shillings
three pence new tenor bills of credit. Part of the
Province tax of Rochester for the year 1765

£ 22-8-2

Proclamation

£ 11-4-3

New tenor

Raised in Constable Moses Brown's Rate list
per year 1765 85-12-8
Paid of sd sum as above lawful money 32-11-
In sd Brown's hands unsettled due 53-1-8
to the town 51-4-5

Lists Due from y^e town or order and
other ways unsettled this 31st of March 7-6
Due to Mr Tristram Gilman 4-17-
Due to Mr Samuel Boen 1-5-0
Due to Mr Avery Hall 26-18-
Due to Ems^m Tabbet's for boarding ministers 7-2
Due to Nathaniel Burnum for work on
y^e meeting house -17-
Due to John Plummer Esq^r for going
after Mr Avery Hall -5-
Due to William Tenness for going to
Newbury -9-
51-4-0

The above is the true state of this towns ac-
count when settled this 4th day of April 1765
Witness our hands James Knowles Selectmen
Daniel Wingate of the town
of Rochester for y^e year 1765

To the freeholders and other inhabitants of
the town of Rochester such as by law are
qualified to vote in publick town meetings
You are hereby notified of a publick town meet-
ing to be holden in the meeting house in
Rochester on Monday the 31st day of this In-
stant March at ten of the clock in the fore-
noon then and there to choose all town of-
ficers as the law directs and also to vote what
sum or sums of money this town shall judge
proper to be raised for the support of the
School the ensuing year also to vote or do

any other matter or thing that this town shall judge proper to be done on said day and all persons concerned are desired to give attendance at time and place.
Given under our hands in Rochester this 20th day of March 1766

James Knowles
Isaac Leiby
Daniel Kingett } Selectmen

Province of New Hampshire } At a legal town meeting hold-
in the meeting house in
Rochester on Monday y^e 31st day of March 1766.
of the freeholders qualified to vote in town
meetings the following business was trans-
acted: Viz.

1st Lt John W Duffee } Chosen Moderator

2 Jon^a Dam } Town Clerk.

Lt John W Duffee
3 John Plummer Esq } Selectmen
Jon^a Dam

And the meeting adjourned to the second
Monday in April 2nd clock afternoon

April 7th met according to adjournment

4 Samuel Wombley Jr } Constables
Alexander Hodgdon Jr

5 John Fithrell } Assessors
Samuel Loughton

6 Barnabas Palmer } Commissioners
Jabez Dam

7 Samuel Chamberlain } Tything men
Richard Kentworth

Joseph Tibbets
Joseph Knight
Jon^a Dam
Jon^a Loughton
Mr^r Moses Hayes
Capt Jon^a Ham
Schabod Cowell } Surveyors & the
highways

9 Benjamin Coppe
John Hammet Jr
Abraham Pearl
William Ellis Jr } Field Drivers.

10 Thomas Peavey
Samuel Worrow
Joseph Thompson } Hog Revers.

It was put to vote whether the town would
raise the sum of 80 pounds lawful money for
the support of the Ministry in sd town for
the present year and voted in the affirmative
And the meeting adjourned to Monday the
12th day of May next to two of the clock in the af-
ternoon of sd day.

Monday 12th of May 1766 met according to adjourn-
ment

And the meeting adjourned to Monday the 9th
day of June next to 2 of the clock in the after-
noon of sd day.

Monday 9th June 1766 met according to adjourn-
ment

And the meeting dissolved.

Province of New Hampshire } To the freeholders and Inhabitants of the town of Rochester in sd Province By the Request of sundry of the inhabitants of sd Rochester
 You are hereby notified of a publick town meeting to be holden in the Meeting house in said Rochester on Monday the ninth day of June next at noon on sd day then and there to see if the town will vote to sell and exchange some highways in sd town.

1st Particularly a road on the northwesterly side of the Kid^d Miller's land on which she now lives on Blind Hill's Neck running from the road that runs lengthway of sd neck to Cocheco river.

2 A road left between lot 249 in the 4th division and Cocheco river to be exchanged for the way as it now stands through land of John Sumner Esq^r or to sell or exchange any other land left in sd town for highways as the town when together may judge proper. And all persons concerned are desired to give attendance at time and place.

Rochester 31st May 1766 By order of the Selectmen
 Pr John Tam, Town Clerk.

Province of New Hampshire } At a legal town meeting holden in the meeting house in Rochester on Monday ye 9th day of June 1766 of the freeholders Qualified by law to vote in town meetings

and Edward Tibbets - Chosen Moderator & sd meeting

It was Put to Vote agreeable to the foregoing notification and Voted in the affirmative.
 It was Put to Vote whether the said town would exchange the highway with John Sumner Esq^r as mentioned in the foregoing notification, and Voted in the affirmative. And the meeting dissolved.

Province of New Hampshire } To the freeholders and Inhabitants of the town of Rochester in said Province Qualified by law to vote in town meetings by the Request of sundry of the inhabitants of said town Qualified as above said.

You are hereby notified of a publick town meeting to be holden in the meeting house in sd Rochester on Monday the seventh day of July next two of the clock afternoon sd day then and there to act on the following particulars.

1st To choose a Moderator

2nd To see if the town will vote an addition to the sum of seventy five pounds lawful money Voted Mr Hall as his annual salary

3 To choose a committee to treat further with said Mr Hall with regard to what the town may vote at said meeting and if a settlement should ensue between Mr Hall and the town said committee to proceed

and draw and sign such articles between Mr Hall and the town as may be thought proper.
 4 To see if the town will vote the liberty of a seat in some convenient place in the meeting house to accomodate the singers to sit together.
 5 To see if the town will vote that the selectmen for time being sell the land left for a highway from the ten rod road by Em^m Edward Tabbetts over Squamaneagonnick hill to Dover line and give deeds of the same.

6 To see what the town will vote to do towards procuring clearing or repairing the road through this town to New Durham and the manner how.

7 To see if the town will vote that the selectmen for y^e time being procure a road of the owners of the lots from Norway Plain to the Chestnut Hills in or near where the way is now trod by exchanging land left at the end of said lots for highways for said road or other ways as may be thought most prudent and give and take deeds for the same.

All the above articles to be acted on as may be thought most prudent and all concerned are desired to attend at time and place.

Rochester 28th June 1766.

By order of the selectmen pr

Jon^a Dam, Town Clerk.

At a legal town meeting or
 town assembly Ministerial affairs in the
 meeting house in Rochester of the said
 and inhabitants Church and congregation
 and town qualified by law to vote in town meet-
 ings on Monday the seventh day of this in-
 stant July 1766 the following business was trans-
 acted: Viz:

De^m James Knowles chosen Moderator of id
 meeting

It was put to vote agreeable to the foregoing
 notification whether the town will give Mr
 Hall the sum of eighty pounds lawful mon-
 ey as his annual salary during the minis-
 tration in said town: And voted in the
 affirmative.

Lieut William Allen / Chosen a committee
 De^m James Knowles (agreeable to the fore-

3 Jabez Dam / going notification to
 Lt David Copps treat with Mr Hall with
 Thomas Brown regard to what the town
 has or may vote and if Mr Hall accepts the
 call and offer and a settlement ensue or be
 concluded to draw and sign such articles
 as may be thought proper and binding in
 the towns behalf and present the articles
 and Mr Hall's answer to the town clerk
 for y^e time being to be recorded on the town
 record.

4 It was put to vote agreeable to the foregoing
 notification whether the town would vote

the liberty of a seat to be built to accomodate the singers to sit together. -

And voted that A.B.C have the liberty to build a seat before the front gallery so as not to hide the sight of the A.B.C and those that sit back they Building the same on their own cost and charge with regard to the road over the Squamaneagonnick Hill ~~not acted on~~

5 It was Put to Vote to see whether the town will open a road on the west side of the Cocheco river in this town to New Durham agreeable to a Petition from a number of gentlemen of Portsmouth and voted in the Negative.

6 It was Put to Vote agreeable to the foregoing notification to see if the town will do any thing towards repairing the road already opened to New Durham and ungranimously voted that the surveyors warn the inhabitants in their several Districts or an Equality according to numbers to go up and work on sd road to the amount of two hundred days work sometime this season

7 It was put to Vote agreeable to the foregoing Notification to see if the selectmen for the time being should procure a road from the Norway Plains to the Chestnut Hills and give and take deeds of the same And unanimously voted in the affirmative And the meeting adjourned to Monday 4th day of July instant to four of the clock afternoon sd day

Monday 4th July 1766 met according to adjournment

It was Put to Vote to see if the town will repair the buildings on the ministerial lot & land by the meeting house in said town in constant repair when finished as said Mr Hall's service during his ministration in said town and -

Unanimously voted in the affirmative with regard to the Ordination it is left to the committee and said Mr Hall to finish the time.

Dec^r Stephen Berry } Chosen a committee
Rich^d Walker } to choose out the best
Sarnabas Palmer } singers and say who
was Leiby } shall be the A.B.C that
Rich^d Wentworth } shall build the seat to accommodate the singers as above voted.

And the meeting dissolved.

Rochester 10th February, 1767.

Then Read of Constable Moses Brown the sum of eighty two pounds three shillings eight pence Lawful money in full of his Petition committed to him to collect in sd town for the year 1765 and discharge him of any further demands on him for sd list &c

Jon^a Dam }
John Plummer } Selectmen

Province of New Hampshire } To the Freeholders and Inhabitants of the town of Rochester in sd Province Qualified by Law to vote in town meetings at the Request of sundry of the Inhabitants of sd Rochester.

You are hereby notified of a Publick town meeting to be holden in the meeting house in sd Rochester on Monday the twenty second day of this instant September at two of the clock in the afternoon of sd day, then and there to act on the following particulars. Namely

1 To see how much the town will vote to do towards the expense of Mr Hall's Ordination and how it shall be done and how the charge shall be defrayed.

2 To see if the town will vote to do any thing towards fitting up the ministerial house in sd town this fall and if voted any thing how much the committee shall lay out on the same and also to see if the town will vote that the Selectmen for ye time being mend the glass in the meeting house windows at the Town's Charge

3 To see if the town will reconsider a Vote passed at a meeting holden in the meeting house in sd town on the seventh day of July last past relating to the seat that is built in the meeting house to accomodate the singers and make that vote null and void as tho it had never been and take

down the seat or pay those that built it their cost and let it stand in common with the other seats as is requested or to reconcile it otherways as the town may judge most prudent. And all persons concerned are desired to give attendance at time and place
Rochester 3rd September 1760

By order of the Selectmen &c

Jon^a Dam, Town Clerk.

Province of New Hampshire } At a legal town meeting holden in the meeting house in Rochester of the freeholders and Inhabitants Qualified by Law to vote in town affairs on Monday this twenty second day of Sept 1760 the following business was transacted. Viz:
Lt John W Duffee Chosen Moderator of sd meeting.

2 Voted agreeable to the foregoing notification that there be the sum of fifteen pounds lawful money laid out to defray the charge of Mr Hall's Ordination to be Raised out of the Hire of the Parsonage land in sd town for two years past and -

Dec James Knowles

William Chamberlain

Jabez Dam

John Plummer Esq

Capt Jon^a Ham

Chosen a committee to provide the materials for the ordination and the choice of the place where the Provision is to be made for Entertaining of the strangers is left to said Committee to say where it shall be.

3 It was voted agreeable to the foregoing notification that the committee to lay out the sum of five pounds lawful money on the Ministerial house this fall on the town's charge.

4 Voted that the Selectmen procure glass and mend the meeting house windows at the town's charge.

5 It was put to vote to see if the town would take the seat built by the singers and pay the cost and said seat stand in common with the others and the town try to provide a seat somewhere below to accommodate the singers at the town's cost not Endamaging the other seats and the Deacons be a committee to choose out the best singers and say who shall sit in said seat annually if procured and voted in the affirmative. And the meeting dissolved.

The Agreement Between Mr Avery Hall and the Town of Rochester are as follows

To all Christian people to whom these presents may come. Know you that whereas the Sovereign Disposer of all things has in the course of His Providence by the removal of Mr Hill deprived the town of Rochester of the privilege of a settled Ministry which Breach the Church and Congregation in said town being desirous should be made up as the All Guiding Providence may open the way for a resettlement and as Mr Avery Hall

has supply^d the desk in sd town some considerable time as a Gospel Minister and his Doctrine and Conversation unreprouable he appearing to be a person able learned and Orthodox and endowed we trust with grace from Christ qualifying him for said high and honourable station pursuant to which at a legal town meeting of the Church and Congregation holden in Rochester on Monday the 13th day of Jan^y 1766 the second vote passed at said meeting was to choose a Committee to give Mr Avery Hall a call for settlement as a Gospel Minister in said town and at another meeting of said Church and Congregation holden in sd Rochester on Monday the 7th day of July 1766 the 5th vote passed at which meeting was to choose us the subscribers a Committee to treat of a final settlement with sd Mr Hall and to draw and sign articles of agreement from the town to Mr Hall with regard to what the town has or may vote pursuant to which we in the town's behalf agreeable to the power given us by said vote do promise Mr Avery Hall the sum of eighty pounds lawful money of the Province of New Hampshire as his annual salary which shall be paid annually during his Ministration or supplying the desk in sd town which is agreeable to the second vote passed at

sd last mentioned meeting to commence from the date of his answer to the town and that the Ministerial House in sd town shall be fitted and finished as soon as the town can conveniently do it and sd House and the Barn on the Parsonage lot by sd house shall be kept in constant repair at the town's charge for sd Mr Hall's service during his ministration in the same; and that he shall peaceably use occupy and possess all the land left as a glebe for a Ministerial use that may belong to the first Parish in sd town Hoping the same will be an Hon^{ble} Support and that we will do our Endeavour to lighten his burthen in the arduous service we have called him unto. In Witness Whereof we have hereunto set our Hands in Rochester this twenty second day of Sept^r 1766 and in the sixth year of his Majesty's Reign

William Allen

Thomas Brown

James Knowles

Jabez Darn

D - d Copps

Committee.

Mr Avery Hall's Answer to the Town of Rochester
To the Church of Christ in Rochester and to
the Congregation of said town Avery Hall send
eth Greeting.

Dearlly Beloved in our Lord Jesus Christ:
Whereas in your destitute state being deprived
of a settled Gospel Minister God in His
Providence has pointed out me to Preach the
Gospel to you and you Having made choice of
me (tho as the least of all saints) to be your
Gospel Minister to take the charge of your souls
seeing your Unanimity and having implored
the Divine Guidance in this Important
affair and being moved as I humbly trust by
the Spirit of God I think it my duty to
accept the call and I do freely accept the call
to the Work of the Gospel Ministry among you
and stand ready to be introduced into the
sacred office according to Gospel order in a
convenient time confiding in your goodness
that you will be ready to afford me all need-
ful Helps and assistances for my Comfortable
support among you expecting (altho that you
allow me a suitable time for Journeying once
a year to visit my friends abroad.
And now I Beseech the God of all Grace to
Bless us with all spiritual blessings in
Heavenly things in Christ Jesus and that
the Word of the Lord may have free course and
be glorified among us; this is the sincere de-
sire and prayer of your servant in Christ
(over)

Dated at Rochester Avery Hall.
 July the 21st 1766
 The Town of Rochester Credit for y^r year 1766
 Recd of Constable Moses Brown of his arrears
 Page * 50-1-8
 Due from the Town Clerk from Page paid 8-14-7
 Left in the Town Clerk's hands last year
 Page * Paid 2-15-5
 Recd of Capt Jon^a Ham for a highway sold
 him 8-6-0
 In Constable Kentworth Hayes's hands
 Due page * 1-4-5
 In Constable John Ham's hands from
 - due 1-17-7
 Paid in Constable Alexander Hodgdon's
 Ju^r's Rate list 82-4-11
 Paid in Constable Samuel Twombly's
 Ju^r's Rate list 63-0-9
 The whole of the hire of the Parsonage 15-16-8
 233-16-4
 The town of Rochester's Debt and how said
 money has been appropriated.
 Paid Mr Hall Due before last annual
 meeting from page * 26-18-0
 Paid Mr Edward Lebetts Due page * 17-2-0
 Paid Mr William Jenness Due page * 8-9-0
 Paid Nathaniel Burnum Due page * 0-17-0
 Paid John Plummer Esq^r Due page * 8-5-0
 Paid Ebenezer Place Ju^r Due page * 0-4-0
 Paid Ephraim Ham Due page * 0-4-0
 Paid the Clerk Due page * 0-12-0

Paid Richard Place as pr order 0-4-0
 Paid Paul Leby as pr order 0-3-6
 Paid Samuel Kingett as pr order 0-2-6
 Paid a list of drawbacks on David
 Place's list and his Rate 1-11-1
 To Drawbacks on Constable Brown's
 list pr John Kenniston, Will^m Thomp-
 son, John Foss, Samuel Yeaton, Ebenezer
 Chamberlain 1-9-8
 Paid Constable Brown pr Warning Town
 officers 0-2-0
 Paid for a Presentment of the Road
 to New Durham 1-4-0
 Two attorney's fees 0-6-0
 And Expenses
 Paid a surveyor running New Durham
 Road 0-12-0
 Paid for glass for the Ministerial House 0-8-0
 Paid the Widow Richards for New Fire 0-13-0
 Paid for glass, Putte and nails for the
 meeting house 1-15-8
 55-2-10
 Paid for writing three deeds for the town 0-4-6
 Paid for returning five Jury men 0-15-0
 Paid for writing Rate list and Countersigns 0-16-0
 Paid Moses Brown & Eleazer Coleman's pr
 order not charged before 0-5-0
 Paid for the Expenses of the Ordination 14-3-3
 Paid Mr Hall Due preaching by the day 10-16-0
 Paid John Ham for taking an Inventory 0-9-9
 Paid for a Bucket for the Parsonage well 0-9-3

Paid Palmer for 250 feet boards, 1 day's work Parsonage lot	0-6-0
Paid for oxen to work on the New Durham road	1-7-0
Paid Palmer for expenses two Vendues letting out Parsonage	0-13-2
Paid Burnum for work done on the Parsonage house	0-12-0
Paid for setting the glass in the meeting house	0-8-0
Paid Rich ^d Place for taking an Inventory and two pound putte	0-11-4
Paid the charge of the seat built before the Gallery	1-19-8
Paid for moving the seats below	2-12-6
Paid for Expenses of Vendue to sell a highway	0-8-0
Paid to John Ham for taking an Inventory	--
Paid Paul Janness as per order	0-3-0
A Drawback for Nathen Allen's Rate on John Ham's list	0-2-11
Paid the Province Treasurer	49-16-1
Paid Mr Hall Due since annual meeting 1766	53-3-9
In Comtable Alexander Hodgdon's list Due to y ^e town	30-15-5
Due from Comtable Samuel Twombly	8-9-0
Paid for locks for y ^e Parsonage house	0-1-0
	239-0-8

Rochester, March 30th 1767.

Received of the selectmen of the town of Rochester the sum of fifty three pounds three shillings & nine pence, lawful money in part of my salary for the year past.
I say Received by me

Avery Hall.

Rochester 28 March 1768

Recd of the Selectmen the sum of twelve pounds, nineteen shillings, eleven pence as part of my salary for the year 1766 which compleats the whole sum in full for said year.

I say Received by me Avery Hall.

Rochester 28th March 1768.

Received of the Selectmen the sum of sixty five pounds six shillings and seven pence a part of my salary for the year 1767
I say Received by me, Avery Hall.

The freeholders and Inhabitants of Rochester — by law to vote in town meetings are hereby notified of a Publick Town Meeting to be holden in the Meeting House in sd Rochester on Monday the thirtieth day of this instant March at ten oth clock on sd day then and there to act and vote on the following particulars: viz:
1 To choose all Town Officers for the present year as y^e Law directs.
2 To vote how much cost shall be laid

out towards fitting up the Ministerial House the present year and whether to be done by a money tax or other ways.

3 To try to procure a seat somewhere in the Meeting house for the use of Mr Hall's family

4 To see if the town will vote to hire a Publick School for y^r present year or any part of it.

5 To see if the town will vote to tax the Pasture land and if so how much pr acre

6 To see if the town will vote to sell the land "kland" for a road beginning near Ensm^r Edward Tibbets' house running south easterly to Dover line to him or them that will give most for it for the use of the town.

7 To see if the town will vote Purchase a road where it may be judged most proper for the Blind Kitt's Yell People to get to the Squamaneconnick Bridge.

8 To see if the town will vote to procure a road by Exchange or purchase on one side of Mr William Jenness land on which he now lives between him and Ebenezer Barney and others into the road leading by Ensm^r Moses Hayes's.

9 To see if the town will vote to sell or Exchange the land "kland" for a road from the northwesterly corner of Mr William Jenness' land northwesterly to the river to help procure the last mentioned road.

10 To see if the town will vote to Exchange the road running through the long marsh in this town near Paul Jenness' for suitable land on one side of sd marsh which may be judged most proper and can best be come at.

11 To see if the town vote to Exchange if it can be done a piece of a road by Ephraim Hamis land which by reason of rough grounds is almost Impassable for a way somewhere between sd Hamis and Benjamin Foster's land or others to get to the Squamaneconnick Bridge. All the above articles to be acted on as the town when together may judge most prudent or to do any other thing that may be proper to be done on sd day and all concerned are desired to give attendance at time and place. Rochester 21st March 1767.

By order of the Selectmen & Town Clerk
Jon^a Dam } pr time being.

Province of New Hampshire } At a legal town meeting holden in the Meeting House in Rochester on Monday the thirtieth day of March 1767 of the freeholders and Inhabitants qualified by Law to vote in Publick Town Meetings the following business was transacted. Viz:

1 Dec^r James Knowles } Chosen Moderator
2 Jon^a Dam } Town Clerk
3 Jon^a Dam }
John Plummer Esq } Selectmen
Dec^r James Knowles }

- 4 En^r James McDuffee } Chosen Constables
 Lt David Coffey
- 5 Daniel Kingett } Assessors
 Samuel Haighton
- 6 Jabez Dam } Commissioners
 Barnabas Palmer
 Samuel Chamberlain
- 7 Moses Brown } Tything men
 Rich^d Place
 Joseph Tibbets
 Joseph Knight
 William Trickey
- 8 John Kentworth } Surveyors of
 Jon^a Dam the highways.
 Lebulon Dam Jr
 Lemuel Rickford
 Paul Jenness
 William Jenness Jr
 William Ellis Jr
- 9 Joseph Thompson } Hog Reeves.
 Thomas Peave
 John Hammett Jr
 Schabod Coriell
- 10 John Vute } Field Drivers
 William Hodgdon
 Joshua Knight

11 Voted that the sum of twenty five pounds lawful be laid out towards fitting the Ministerial House for the present year and the Hire of the Parsonage lot of land due to the town to be appropriated that way.

2 Isaac Lebby } Chosen a committee agree-
 Daniel Kingett } able to the foregoing notifica-
 tion to try to procure a seat some where in the
 meeting house for the use of Mr & alls family
 on the towns cost.

13 Voted that the Selectmen District the
 town into six equal parts near as may be
 and each part to have the liberty to hire a
 School Master in their District two months
 which they may choose and the Selectmen
 to raise money by tax on the Polls and
 Estates to defray the charge of the same.
 And the meeting adjourned to the first
 Monday in April next at twelve oth the clock
 sd day
 Monday April sixth met according to adjourn-
 ment

14 It was Put to Vote agreeable to the foregoing
 Notification to see if the town would vote to
 tax the Pasture land in said town and
 Voted in the affirmative

15 Voted the Pasture land in said town should
 be taxed as the law directs what will pasture
 a cow be 4 acres.

16 En^r Schabod Coriell } Chosen a committee
 Isaac Lebby } to take an Inventory
 Samuel Haighton } of the Polls, Stocks
 En^r James McDuffee } and Pasture lands
 in said town for the present year and to
 deliver the same to the Selectmen on oath
 if required on or before the first day of July

next and the Selectmen to assess the Polls and Estates in said town to defray the charge of the same.

17 It was Put to Vote agreeable to the foregoing notification to see if the town would sell the land "pland" for a highway running southeasterly to Dover line from Ens Edward Tebbetts And Voted in the Negative.

18 It was Voted that the Selectmen of sd town procure a road agreeable to the foregoing notification for the Blind Hills Neck people to get to the Squamaneagonnick Bridge and the Selectmen to raise money on the Polls and Estates to defray the charge of the same.

19 It is Voted that the Selectmen of the town shall procure a road on one side of Mr William Jenness' land as mentioned in the foregoing notification which can best be come at and Voted that the land "Pland" for a highway from the northwesterly corner of Jenness' land north westerly to the ten rod road running across the town be sold at Vendue to the Highest Bidder to help defray the charge of procuring said road and if that shall not be sufficient to defray the charge the Selectmen to assess the Polls and Estates to defray the charge of the same.

20 It is Voted that the Selectmen Exchange the road running through the long marsh in this town for a road on one side or the other of said marsh which can best be

come at as mentioned in the notification. It is Voted that the Selectmen try to exchange if it can well be done the road by Ephraim Ham's land for a way between said Ham's land and Benjamin Fox's or others to get to the Squamaneagonnick Bridge as mentioned in the foregoing notification.

And the meeting adjourned to the third Monday in June three o'clock in the afternoon of sd day.

Monday 15th June met according to adjournment; And as James Mc Duffee refused to join in taking an Inventory therefore the town present proceeded and chose David Place to join Samuel Loughton in Mc Duffee's room to take said Inventory.

And the meeting adjourned to Monday the 17th day of August 4 o'clock afternoon said day.

Monday August 17th met according to adjournment.

And the town present Voted to David Capps out from serving Constable for the present year and proceeded and chose Ebenezer Place Jr a Constable in the room of said Capps so Voted out.

And the meeting adjourned to Monday ye 24th day of this Instant August at 4 o'clock P. M.

Monday 24th of August met according to ad-

journalment. And the meeting dissolved.

Rochester June 6th 1767.

Pursuant to a vote passed at our annual town meeting holden in y^e meeting house in said town by adjournment on Monday the sixth day of April last for procuring a road for the Blind Hills Neck People so called in this Town to pass and repass to the Squamaneagonnick Bridge agreeable to the same we have laid out a road two rods wide Beginning at a four rod road on the northwesterly side of John Jenness land where he now dwells about six rods north-erly from said Jenness' house running north 14 degrees west over land of John Jenness Jun^r to land of John Knight Esq^r of Lewington five rods from the fence as it now stands between said Knights and John Place's land from thence north 42 degrees east on said Knight's land 29 rods then we turned and run into said Place's land north 8 degrees west 24 rods then north 26 rods then north 15 degrees west 35 rods then north 3 degrees east 27 rods over Place's land same course over En^o Edward Tibbetts land 36 rods then north 7 degrees west 9 rods then north 3 degrees west 24 rods then north 23 degrees east 44 rods to the road leading from the Squamaneagonnick Bridge leaving the road over said Jenness' and Knight's land on the westerly side of said line and

through the others on the easterly side said line run out by us the day and year above

John Sumner
Jon^a Sam
James Snowles } selectmen

Rochester 9th June 1767

Pursuant to a vote of said town passed at the annual meeting holden in the meeting house by adjournment on Monday the sixth day of April to exchange the road through the long marsh for convenient land on one side of said marsh we have laid out a road on the north side of said marsh in the following manner. Namely: Beginning at the four rod road running from Barrington line across the town on the north westerly side of the lot number six in the second division 80 rods from the northwesterly corner of said lot to six southwesterly on said road running south 14 degrees east 38 rods then south 4 degrees east 14 rods over Solomon Brown's land on the same course 8 rods then south 17 degrees east 16 rods then running south east three degrees east 8 rods over Nathaniel Garlin's land then running south 18 degrees east 12 rods then south 30 degrees East 26 rods over Samuel Brown Jun^r's land same course 32 rods then south seven degrees east 20 rods over William Ham Jun^r's land same course 26 rods then south 5 degrees east 60 rods over Paul Jenness

land then running south 24 degrees east
9 rods then south 30 degrees east 9 rods then
south east 12 rods then south 13 degrees east
13 rods then south 25 degrees east 21 rods in-
to the road leading through the long marsh
at the easterly end of said marsh through
land belonging to Jonathan Young late of
Rochester dec^d his heirs, said road is two
rods wide laid out the day and year above
by us. Jon^a Dam } Selectmen
James Knowles }

Province of } April 1767. Received of Samuel
New Hampshire Twombly per the hand of
Otis Baker Esq^r twenty two pounds, fourteen
shillings five pence half penny, lawful
money and two pounds eighteen shillings
new tenor part of the Province tax for Roches-
ter for the year 1766.

£22-14-5½ L^y George Jaffrey, Treasurer
2-18-16 5.

Province of } April 1767. Received of Alexander
New Hampshire Hodgdon Ju^r three pounds six-
teen shillings and nine pence half penny
lawful money and one hundred thirteen
pounds six shillings new tenor part of the
Province tax of Rochester for y^e year 1766.

By George Jaffrey, Treasurer.

£3-16-9½ L^y
£113-6-0 1/5.

The town of Rochester account in the
Province List 1767.

Paid by Constable Twombly his arrears
from Page 8-9-6

Paid in Constable Mc Duffies
Province list 54-1-3

Paid in Constable Corner Places
Province list 55-1-3
117-12-0

The way said money has been appropriated

Paid the Province tax 37-6-10

Paid two school districts 10--

Paid William Ham for keeping Mercy
Barber 1-10-

Paid John Place for a highway 20-0-

Paid Reuben Herd for a highway 4-5-

Paid for an Inventory last summer's 1-13-

Paid Lt Mc Duffie for a petition at Gen-
eral Court 2

In Constable Mc Duffies hands 8-15-4
84-2-2

Paid for taking the number of in-
habitants 0-13-6

Paid Esq^r Plummer two days run-
ning highways -6-

Paid Dec^m Knowles running highways
two days -6-

Paid Jon^a Dam 3½ days' running roads
wth Cornhairs -18-

Paid to taking an Inventory 7 days a
copy and return 1-4-

Paid for attendance 8 days at the General Court	1-4-
Paid for ferriage and Expenses	16-6
Paid for 7 deeds and a petition to ye General Court	10-6
Paid for drawing four Jurors	-12-
Paid the Clerk and Secretary at Court	-12-
Paid the Printer and Secretary	-12-
Paid an attorney pr Drawing a Bill	-12-
Paid for writing Ratelists and Countersigns	1--
	98-8-8
Paid Constable Hodgdon pr warning Town Officers	-2-
	93-10-8
To Cash in ye Selectmen's hands	24-1-4
	117-12-0
The town's Credit in ye town list 1767.	
Paid by Constable Hodgdon of his arrears from page	30-15-5
Paid in Constable McDuffee's Town list	53-19-
Paid in Constable Eben Place's Town list	51-1-1
Ln Constable Kentworth Hayes ^{ss} hands from page	1-4-5
Ln John Ham's hands from page	4-7-2
	141-7-7

The way said money has been appropriated
Paid The Ordination Expenses in part 3-11-9

Paid Abner Darn pr boards pr ye Ministerial house	1-11-
Paid Esq Plummer 1 day and mails on ye Parsonage Barn	-3-6
Paid Parson Hall due in 1766	12-19-11
Paid Parson Hall for ye year 1767	55-7-6
Paid Em ^m Tibbets pr boarding Parson Hall	4-1

Ln Constable Ebenezer Place's hands	32-8-7
Ln John Herd's hands	4-7-2
Ln Kentworth Hayes ^{ss} hands	1-4-5
	125-0-10

Paid Em ^m Tibbets pr Boarding the Hall	9-11-10
Constable Twombly rate discounted	135-16-10
Paid Paul Leby pr order	1-2-8
	11-8

Paid Barnabas Palmer pr order	14
McDuffee's Rate Discounted	1-11-5
Hodgdon's mill rate discounted	2-5
Hodgdon's rate discounted	1-8-2
	141-7-3

Province of New Hampshire } March 31st 1768. Recd of Jon^a Darn thirty six pounds ten shillings five pence the Province tax of Rock ester for the year 1767

£36-10-5 Pr George Jaffrey Treasurer

Province of New Hampshire } The freeholders and Inhabitants of the town of Rochester in said Province Qualified by Law to Vote in Town meetings are hereby notified of a Publick Town Meeting to be holden in the Meeting House in sd Rochester on Monday the twenty eighth day of this Instant March at 10 o'clock A. M. then and there to act and Vote on the following particulars Viz:

- 1 To choose all Town Officers for the year ensuing as the Law Directs.
- 2 To see if the town will choose some suitable persons as a committee to carry on the Ministerial House of present year as far as the money already raised will go.
- 3 To see if the town will vote to run out the ten rod road from the Meeting house to Salmon Falls River.
- 4 To see if the town will vote to repair or rebuild the Bridges over either of them over the Singlass River and at Norway Plains in sd town as may be judged most proper at a Publick charge.
- 5 To see if the town will vote to Build a Pound in sd town the present year.
- 6 To see if the town will Exchange the road at the northeasterly end of Enr^d Edward Tibbets land on which he now lives the Breadth of his lot of land for the road run out over his land by the Selectmen the Squamaneagonnick so called near

John Places or sell the road from near sd Tibbets house south easterly to Dover line
7 To see if the town will hear the request of sundry persons in this town with regard to running or laying out a road by or near Richard Furber's land where he now lives down to the Norway Plains Mill.

8 To see if the town will vote to Exchange a road from the road running by Daniel Kingate's to the Salmon falls river near Luppy's mill (so called) for a road (land below by the side of sd river as may then be proposed

9 To see if the town will vote to or hear the request of a number of petitioners to give Dr Jackson (so called) a house lot on the back side the meeting house or other ways advance any thing for him to encourage his settlement in this town.

10 To see if this town will vote to hire a school some part of the year as may be thought proper.

Given under our hands in Rochester
This 19th day of March 1768.

John Plummer }
James Knowles } Selectmen
Jon^a Sam

Province of New Hampshire } At a legal town meeting
 in Rochester on Monday the 28th day of March
 1768 of the freeholders qualified to vote in
 Town Meetings the following Business was
 transacted viz:

- 1 Dec^r James Knowles } Chosen Moderator
- 2 Jon^a Dam } Town Clerk
- 3 Jon^a Dam }
 Capt Will^m Allen } Selectmen
 Lt Stephen Berry }
- 4 Samuel Chamberlain } Chosen
 William Jenness Ju^r } Constables
- 5 Daniel Kingate } Chosen Assessors
 Will^m Chamberlain }
- 6 Barnabas Palmer } Chosen Commissioners
 Jabez Dam }
- 7 Peter Wallingford }
 Peter Horn } Tything men
 Samuel Haighton }
 Samuel Kingate }
 Barnabas Palmer }
- 8 John White }
 Thomas Jarney } Surveyors
 Samuel Haighton } of the
 John Place } highways
 Paul Jenness }
 Joseph Walker Ju^r }
 Thomas Plummer }

William Ellis Ju^r }
 Jerhom Downs }
 9 William Trickey } Field Drivers
 Aaron Ham }
 Isaac Stanton }

Jon^a Ellis }
 10 Joseph Thompson } Hog Reeths
 James Dearing }
 Thomas Beave }

Jabez Dam } Chosen a committee
 11 Ems^r Lehabod Corser } to carry on the mine
 William Chamberlain } uterial house in
 sd town toward finishing as far as the
 twenty five pounds voted last year and
 raised already will go.

12 It was voted to run out the ten rod
 road from the meeting house to Salmon
 falls River as mentioned in the foregoing
 notification on the cost of the town.
 And the meeting adjourned to Monday
 the 12th April next at noon on sd day.
 Monday 12th April met according to adjourn-
 ment and proceeded.

14 It was put to vote agreeable to the foregoing
 notification to see if the town would repair
 the Bridges over the river at the Norway Plain
 and Linglass or rebuild them and

Voted in the Negative

15 The Linglass Bridge left with the Se-
 lectmen to direct the surveyors through
 the Town each one to do his part on said

Bridge by labour in the common way
 16 It was Put to Vote to see if the town would build a Road this year at the town's cost as mentioned in the foregoing notification And Voted in the Negative.

17 It was Put to Vote agreeable to sd notification to see if the town would exchange the road with En^s Edward Tebbetts at the northeasterly end of his land on which he now lives for the road laid acrost his land over by John Place's and Voted in the Affirmative.

18 It was Put to Vote to see if the town would empower the Selectmen to sell the land & land for a road from the south easterly corner of En^s Edward Tebbetts land on which he now dwells running south easterly to Dover line and give deeds of the same as mentioned in the foregoing notification and Voted in the Affirmative.

19 It was Voted that the road mentioned by sd notification leading from Furber's to the Uxway Plain should be laid out or exchanged by the Selectmen if a suitable place can be found and it can be done without buying land.

20 It was Voted agreeable to the sd notification that the Selectmen Exchange the road from near Daniel Kingate's towards Guppy's mill for the road running south easterly between — 4th division lots and

the ends of the first division lots near Salmon falls river.

21 It was Put to Vote agreeable to sd notification to see if the town would give Doctor Jackson a house lot behind the meeting — or otherways advance him any thing to encourage his settlement in this town and Voted in the Negative.

22 The article of the school voted that the selectmen district the town into six parts near as they were last year and each part to have the liberty to hire a schoolmaster two months what part of the year they may see cause and the selectmen to assess the Polls and Estates to defray the charge of the same.

And the meeting adjourned to the first Monday in August to 3^o clock afternoon sd day Met and dissolved.

Rochester 28th March 1768.

Then Read of Constable Alexander Hodgdon for the sum of fifty six pounds lawful in full of his Rate last committed to him to collect in sd town for the year 1766 and discharge him of any further demands on him for said list.

Read pr us

Jon^s Dam

John Plummer

Selectmen

Province of } Whereas it was voted at our
New Hampshire } annual meeting to repair
the Singlass Bridge, so called, which is
since broke down and is so rotten that it
is thought more prudent to build a new
one than to repair that and may perhaps
be done with as little cost besides being
worth four of it when done.

Therefore the freeholders and inhabitants
of the town of Rochester in said Province
Qualified by law to vote in Town meetings
are hereby notified of a Publick Town meet-
ing to be holden in the Meeting House
in sd Rochester on Monday the 4th day of
July next at 4 o'clock afternoon said day
then and there to see if the town will
vote to build sd bridge new and if so how
it shall be done and if there should be
occasion choose some suitable person or
persons as overseers or committee to carry
on the same and as there seems to be an
immediate occasion of something done
all concerned are desired to attend a short
space and candidly debate this affair
which may prevent something worse.

By order of the Selectmen

By Jon^a Dam, Town Clerk

Rochester 25th June 1768.

Province of } At a legal town meeting
New Hampshire } holden in the meeting house
in Rochester on Monday the 4th July 1768 of
the freeholders Qualified by law to vote in
Publick Town Meetings - the following was
transacted

1st William Jenness, Chosen Moderator of said
meeting

2nd It was Put to vote agreeable to the fore-
going notification to see whether the
town would build sd bridge new and
voted in the affirmative

3rd Capt Jon^a Ham Chosen overseer: to build
said bridge in the following manner
Viz: to notify the people in parties as the
school districts were last year one district
a day to come to work on sd bridge all
through the town and to have two shil-
lings and six pence per day for their labour
finding themselves and the sd overseer
to buy four long string pieces and hire a
workman a day or two if wanted at the
town's cost and if the people will not come
on them terms said overseer shall proceed
and hire men to complete the same and
keep an exact account of the men's names
and how much labour each man did
and return the same to the selectmen
as soon as may be conveniently be done
who agree to assess the Inhabitants for
payment of the same and those that

did the labour to have the same reduced out of their rates.

And the meeting dissolved.

In pursuance of the Law of the Province we have preambulated or new-run the line between Rochester and Barrington beginning at a Hemlock tree standing about six rods north east of a branch of Suncook River which tree is Markt with a number of letters and different dates on it and the trees round it and is the bound for Barrington, Rochester, Barnstead, New Durham and the fore (so called) all coming to said tree and from the same we run south about forty one and a half degrees east which leads over a large mountain or the south end of it at about two thirds the height of it and leads on through Hanson's and Wain's Marshes and on through a large heath or sunken land and over the south end of Pickrel Pond and over a large rock markt with the letter A Picket on the south side of it and on about midway between Pearls and Stagare Marshes and crossed Kenney's Marsh about 20 rods from the north end of the Great Round Pond then rose a hill and cross a south arm of said marsh and on about 25 rods north of the Little Round Pond and over the north end of the Long Pond about ten rods from the end of it

and over a ridge of rocks at the west end of Gotham Twombly's house and went by taken his house and barn and on to a large Pitch Pine tree markt with a number of letters on it called Kisses tree and is the bound between Barrington and the two mile streak and on about six rods north of the rocks and falls at Lock's mills and on is the line ending at Dover head line on the south west side of the vault in the Earth known by the name of the Hopper at the edge of the hill and we shotted the trees which stood in the course.

Run out this 25th day of February 1769
 John Garland Committee for
 Eleazer Young Barrington
 William Allen Selectmen
 Jon^a Dam Rochester

Province of New Hampshire } March 1769. Received of Jona-
 than Dam thirty nine
 pounds, three shillings three pence the
 Province tax for Rochester for the year 1768.
 Pr George Jaffrey, Treasurer

£ 39-3-3

Rochester 23rd March 1769.
 Received of the Selectmen the sum of forty six pounds six shillings five pence half pence lawful money as part of the salary for the year 1768. L^y Paid By me
 Avery Hall.

The Town of Rochester's account 1769 Pr Credit
 Cash in the Selectmen's hands last year 24-1-8
 In Constable John Harris hands 4-8-2
 In Constable Wentworth Hayes hands 1-4-5
 In Constable James Mc Duffee's hands 8-15-4
 In Constable Ebenezer Place's hands 32-8-7
 Paid in Constable William Jenness
 in his hands 1768 91-9-10
 Paid in Constable Sam^r Chamber-
 lain's hands 1768 72-12-10
 In the Selectmen's hands in Notes of
 hand for the Parsonage rent in the
 years 1765 and 1766 8-18-2
 243-19-0

The town's account 1769 pr debt
 Paid the Province Treasurer 89-3-3
 Paid Parson Hall Part salary pr year 1768 46-6-5
 Paid En^r Tabbetts for a highway Bought 6-10-0
 Paid the committee for carrying on
 y^e Ministerial house 11-6-0
 Paid pr copy of y^e General Court act Pr
 Law tax 0-10-0
 Paid Part of the School District on y^e
 week 1768 2-6-0
 Paid the Chestnut Hill District for
 year 1767 5-0-0
 Paid 2 1/2 School Districts 1767 W Road
 Week 1/2 Salmon falls 12-10-0
 Paid Lt Kingate three days nth compass
 5 pr day 0-18-0

Paid Capt Allen 4 days running
 highways 3 pr day 3-12-0
 and 5 days running Barrington
 line 4 pr day 1-0-0
 Paid for a Dam 4 days running high-
 ways 3 nth Compass 5-15-0
 And 5 days running Barrington line
 4 pr day 1-0-0
 Paid H. Berry 4 days running ways
 1 on y^e Parsonage barn 8-5-0
 Paid for writing Ratelists and Counter
 lists 1-0-0
 Paid for Drawing and Returning
 5 Jurors 3 each 0-15-0
 For writing 4 deeds for the town 1 each 0-6-0
 130-12-8

Due to the town from y^e selectmen
 and Constables
 In Constable John Harris hands 4-8-2
 In Constable Wentworth Hayes hands 1-4-5
 In Constable James Mc Duffee's hands 0-19-6
 In Constable Ebenezer Place's hands 32-8-7
 In Constable Samuel Chamberlain's
 hands 18-15-6
 In Constable William Jenness hands 46-3-2
 Cash in Selectmen's hands 0-8-10
 In the Selectmen's hands in Notes for
 the Rent of y^e Parsonage in the years
 1765 and 1766 8-18-2
 113-6-4
 130-12-8
 240-10-0

Debt and Balance Money 243-19-0
 The town's Credit 243-19-0
 Balance 000-00-0

Rochester 27th March 1769.

The above is the true state of the town's
 Debt and Credit settled by us this day.

Jon^a Dam
 Wm Allen
 Stephen Berry } Selectmen

Examined the Ratelists and Town's Credit
 with the above account and find them
 true and to agree therewith

Barnabas Palmer
 Jabez Dam } Commissioners

Province of New Hampshire
 The freeholders and Inhabitants of Rochester in said
 Province Qualified by Law to Vote in Town
 Meetings Are Hereby Notified of a Publick Town
 Meeting to be holden in the meeting house
 in said Rochester on Monday the 27th day
 of this instant March at 10th clock A. M.
 then and there to choose all town officers
 for y^e year current as the law directs^{2nd} to
 hear the request of Mr Hall to see if the
 town will Vote to fit up or finish the Min-
 isterial House in which he now lives.
 3 To hear the request of a number of Petition-
 ers to pass a Vote that the Selectmen for
 y^e time being shall lay open the road
 pland from near End Edward Tobbetts
 house south easterly to Dover head line un-

all those that join on said road will
 purchase the same of said selectmen at
 private sale as it now stands.

To hear the Request of sundry of the In-
 habitants and Vote to lay open two roads
 on the Blind Hills Neck one of which is
 pland from the Cocheco River a little a-
 bove the Trading Place by William Gannett
 and between the ranges of 4 Division lots
 into the aforesd Neck road and the other
 from said Neck Road between Lemuel
 Pickford and James McDuffie land on
 which they now live to the Esinglass
 river or falls as the same is laid down
 in y^e plan or to do any other business proper
 to be done on said day and all concerned
 are desired to attend. By order and in be-
 half of the selectmen

By Jon^a Dam, Town Clerk.

Rochester 18th March 1769.

Province of New Hampshire
 At a Legal Town Meeting
 holden in the meeting
 house in Rochester on Monday y^e 27th day
 of March 1769 of the freeholders Qualified by
 Law to Vote in Publick Town Meetings the
 following was transacted

1 Dec^r James Knowles } Chosen Moderator

2 Jon^a Dam } Town Clerk

Jon^a Dam
 3 St Stephen Berry
 Capt William Allen } Selectmen

- 4 Jabez Sam } Constables
 Ben^a Sam }
- 5 Daniel Hingate } Assessors.
 Samuel Haighton }
- 6 Barnabas Palmer } Comm^{ss}
 Paul Leiby
 Rich^d Turber }
- 7 Lebulon Sam^{Jr} } Tything men
 Joseph Knight
 David Blake
 Barnabas Palmer
 En^s Lehabod Corson
 Moses Austin }
- 8 Samuel Merrow } Surveyors of
 En^s Moses Hayes } the highways
 Samuel Haighton
 John Lenness
 Samuel Drown^{Jr}
 Daniel W^c Duffee
 Peter Hallingford
 Mikey Gould
 Jerthom Downs }
- 9 John Herd^{Jr} } Field Drivers
 Samuel Merrow^{Jr}
 Thomas Plummer
 Ebenezer Kennett }
- 10 William Ellis^{Jr} } Hog Reeths
 John Hammet^{Jr}
 Ebenezer Place^{Jr} 3rd }

1. It was Put to Vote agreeable to the foregoing notification whether the town will finish the Ministerial house this year?

And Voted in the negative.

2. It put — agreeable to the foregoing notification whether the selectmen for y^e time being shall lay open the road from En^s Tabbitts south easterly to Dover line and

Voted in the affirmative

13 And Voted said selectmen should sell said road if it will fetch near what it was vendued at last year.

14 The road on the Neck mentioned in the Notification Put to Vote and Voted in the Negative.

And the Meeting adjourned to the last Monday in May three oth clock afternoon sd day.

Rochester 1st June 1769.

Then by order of the Gov^t and for the benefit of the Kings Subjects in general we laid out a road through said Rochester unsettled land Beginning at Rochester head line next Middletown at the south end of the road Clear through said Middletown leading to Hollborough two rods north 48 d East from a white Maple tree mark for Rochester head line with the letter R cut on the south east side running in the center of said road which is four rods wide south 18 d, E. 308 rods to Break-neck hill. then S 20 d E 20

rods then S 2^d E 36 rods then S 19^d E 25 rods
 then S 31^d E 16 rods then S 25^d E 27 rods then
 S 16^d E 26 rods then S 25^d E 20 rods then S 23^d
 rods then S 30^d E 26 rods then S 35^d E 20
 rods then S 2^d E 25 rods then S 23^d E 40 rods
 then S 18^d E 41 rods then S 28^d E 80 rods then
 S 18^d E 19 rods then S 06^d E 15 rods then south
 6^d W 15 rods then S 25^d W 8 rods then S 6^d W
 26 rods then S 22^d E 14 rods then S 39^d E 16 rods
 then S 27^d E 30 rods then S 19^d E 28 rods then S
 5^d E 52 rods then S 30^d E 48 rods then S 26^d W
 23 rods then S 10^d W 19 rods then S 23^d E 80 rods
 then S 10^d E 46 rods then S 26^d E 70 rods then
 S 33 rods then S 25^d E 32 rods then south 11^d
 E 29 rods then S 25^d E 117 rods then S 5^d E 17
 rods then S 12^d E 21 rods then S 5^d W 19 rods
 then S 19^d E 57 rods then S 16 rods then S 20^d
 W 6 rods then S 46^d E 26 rods then S 10^d E 19
 rods then S 17^d W 18 rods then S 32^d E 30 rods
 then S 50^d E 12 rods then S 3^d E 52 rods then
 S 11^d E 20 rods then S 24 rods then S 43^d
 E 120 rods then S 20^d E 20 rods then S 15^d
 E 52 rods then S 70 rods then S 16^d W 32 rods
 then S 53^d W 104 rods to a Markt Black Birch
 tree near the old road leading northwes-
 terly over the Chestnut Hill between Sam-
 uel Plummer and William Trickey's
 house. laid out the day and year above

By us Stephen Berry

William Allen
 Jon^a Dam

Selectmen of
 Rochester

Province of New Hampshire } March 1770 Received of Jonathan
 Tam fifty three pounds eight
 shillings the Provincial tax of Rochester for
 the year 1769. For Geo Jaffrey Treas^r
 253-8-0

lawful money.

Rochester 22^d July 1769.

Then by the Request of a number of the
 Inhabitant of said Rochester we have Cir-
 ambulated or run out part of two roads
 first the road between the first and 2^d
 divisions beginning at an Ash tree on the
 north side of the Cocheco River and from
 said tree we run in the center of said road
 N 47^d E till we came to the North E side of
 the ten rod road that runs up through
 the 2^d Division then N 7^d E over the 4th
 Division lot Number 88 now in possession
 of James Horn into the road leading to
 the Norway Plain mills the second we be-
 gun at the road that runs acrost the town
 between the 1st and 2^d divisions near the west
 end of the bridge over the Norway Plain
 Brook running in the center of said road
 North 85^d W 25 rods then N 30^d S 18 rods then
 N 40^d W 100 rods then N 20^d W 46 rods then N
 52^d W 76 rods to the West end of the bridge
 over the river above the mill at Norway
 Plain then S 63^d W 22 rods then N 65^d W
 28 rods into the road that leads souther-
 ly towards John Brewster's between land

of Reuben Herd and Zebulon Dam Jr
paid out the day and year above said by us

Jon^a Dam } Selectmen
Stephen Berry }

The Town of Rochester's account pr year 1769 Cudid

In Constable John Ham's hands 1-8-2

In Wentworth Hayes' hands 1-4-5

In James Mc Duffee's hands 0-19-6

In Ebenezer Place's hands 32-8-7

In Samuel Chamberlain's hands 18-15-0

In William Jenness's hands 46-3-0

Notes of hand here of Parsonage in
Selectmen's hands 8-18-0

Cash in Selectmen's hands last year 0-8-10

The above last year's debts outstanding

Paid in Constable Jabez Dam's Rate-
list 1769 81-0-0

In Constable Benjamin Dam's lists 74-15-6

269-14-3

The Town's Debt for the year 1769

Paid the Province Tax 33-8-0

Paid Parson Gilman 4-17-8

Paid the School Districts on Squama-
negonnick road 1768 10-0-0

Paid the Main Road School District 1768 5-0-0

Paid one half salmon fall School 1767 2-10-0

Paid for carrying on the Ministerial house 14-2-0

Constable Samuel Chamberlain's Rates
discounted 1-6-10

Dr Hews and William Hellan Mill
Rates Discounted 0-6-7

Constable Jabez Dam's Rates Discounted 1-14-9

Constable Benjamin Dam's Rate Dis-
counted 0-18-2

Paid for warning people out of town
& warning Jurors 0-3-0

Constable William Jenness's Rates dis-
counted 1-0-0

Paid for Money Scales and Heights 0-12-0

Paid for an Inventory 0-13-6

Paid for running highways 1 day 1/2 0-13-6

Paid for Returning three Jurors 0-9-0

Paid for Rate lists and Countersigns 1-0-0

Paid Lt Berry pr order 0-15-0

Paid Parson Hall to make up his salary
for 1768 33-13-7

Paid part of his salary for the year 1769 43-16-3

Paid David Place pr order 8-7-6

Paid the Chestnut hill school district
in part 1768 4-4-10

Paid the Remainder of the Veck school
district 1768 2-14-0

Outstanding debts in Jabez Dam's Con-
stable's hands 183-19-9

In Samuel Chamberlain's hands 2-0-0

In Ebenezer Place's hands 14-2-1

In John Ham's hands 4-8-2

In Wentworth Hayes's hands 1-4-5

In James Mc Duffee's hands 0-19-6

In William Jenness's hands 13-15-11

In Benjamin Drown's hands 13-4-3

Notes of hand for hire of the Parsonage 8-18-2

Cash in the Selectmen's hands 17-6-11
269-14-3

Rochester 26th March 1770

We settled the accounts of the town debt and credit and the above is the true state and situation of the same.

Jon^a Dam } Selectmen
William Allen }

Rochester 26th March 1770

We have this day examined the Countersigns and the town's account debt and credit and find the above to be true and agree therewith.

Witness Barnabas Palmer } Commissioners
Paul Hebbey }

Exeter June 6th 1769 Recd of the town of Rochester for the hands of Mr Thomas Parsons of Exeter the sum of four pounds, seventeen shillings lawful money which I accept in full for supplying the Pulpit in said town in the year 1769

Tristram Gilman

Rochester 23rd March 1770

Recd of the Selectmen the sum of thirty pounds lawful money as part of my salary for the year 1768.

I say received by me Avery Hall.

Rochester March 23rd 1770

Then received of the Selectmen the sum of forty seven pounds nine shillings and ten pence lawful money as part of my salary for the year 1769. I say Received by me Avery Hall.

Province of } Pursuant to a petition of a
New Hampshire } number of the freeholders of
the town directed to us the subscribers
The freeholders and inhabitants of Rochester
in said Province are hereby notified of a Pub-
lick Town Meeting to be holden in the meet-
ing house in said Rochester on Monday the
12th day of this instant March at one o'clock
afternoon said day then and to act
and vote on the following particulars
1st To see how many of the bridges in the
settled part of this town they will vote to
build on the town's cost this present year
that were carried away with the flood of
rain in the winter past or of others not
carried away that may want repairing or
building.

2 How they shall be done whether by labour
or a tax or whether the town shall be dis-
tricted in different parts and bridges and
roads be done on the same footing by sur-
veyors or whether an overseer shall be cho-
sen in each district to carry on the bridge
in each district or any other way that the
town when together may judge most for
the benefit of the inhabitants

3 To see if the town will vote to build
said bridges or either of them now in
this leisure time of the year or to do any
other matter proper to be done on said day
And all concerned are desired to attend

and speak and act for themselves
 Given under our hands in Rochester
 This 3^d day of March 1770

Jon^a Dam } Selectmen
 Stephen Berry }

Province of New Hampshire } At a legal Town Meeting
 holden in the meeting
 house in Rochester on Monday the 12th
 day of March 1770 of the freeholders Quali-
 fied by law to vote in town meetings
 the following was transacted. Viz:
 1st Dea^m James Knowles Chosen Moderator of
 said meeting.

2 It was put to vote agreeable to the fore-
 going notification how many of the bridges
 over the river in this town carried away
 with the flood of rain in the winter past
 or of others that might want building the
 town would build the present year and
 resolved to build that over the Lsinglass
 river where that bridge was carried away in
 said flood of rain and to new build the
 bridge over the river where the old one
 now stands at the place called Norway
 Plain in the town

3 It was put to vote whether to build that
 over the river near Joseph Walker Jun^rs and
 that by James Rogers on the town's cost this
 present year and - Both Voted in the Neg-
 ative.

Barnabas Palmer chosen overseer to build

the Norway Plain Bridge and Benjamin
 Dam the Lsinglass bridge so called.

5 Voted that the Selectmen divide the people
 into two equal parts as near as may be con-
 veniently be according to the difficulty of
 building said bridges and the said overseer
 shall notify or warn the Inhabitants when
 to come to work on sd bridges so that every
 man shall have the liberty of paying his
 part in labour (except buying timber) at
 three shillings a day finding themselves
 and said overseers shall have the same wages
 and if the inhabitants will not do their
 parts on these conditions then the overseers
 shall hire men to complete the bridges and
 they shall buy timber that cannot be had
 without and hire a workman for each bridge
 to frame the same and keep an exact account
 of the same and deliver a list of the men's
 names that do the work and how much
 each man does and the price of the timber
 bought and the overseers and workmen wages
 to the selectmen of the town as soon as can
 be conveniently be after the same is done
 and the selectmen for the time being are
 directed to assess the Inhabitants in Polls
 and Estates for payment of the same and
 those that do the labour or find materials
 for said bridges are to have the same dis-
 counted out of their Rates for the present year
 And the meeting dissolved.

Province of (The freeholders and Inhabitants
New Hampshire) of Rochester in said Province Qual-
ified by Law to Vote in town meetings
Are hereby notified of a Publick Town Meeting
to be holden in the Meeting House in said
Rochester on Monday the twenty sixth day of
this instant March at ten oth clock A. M. then
and there to act and Vote on the following
particulars

1 To choose all Town Officers for the year ensu-
ing as the law directs

2 To hear the Request of Dec^m Knowles, William
Jenness and others that way to see if the
town will Vote to open some roads that
way to accomodate them to get out to meeting
and to Barrington the other way

3 To see if the Town will Vote to hire any
schools in town the present year and how
much money they will Vote to raise if any and
how said schools shall be kept and where and
by whom placed.

4 To see if the Town will Vote to build a pound
in said town this year and if Voted, How
Where and When and by Whom built.

5 To see what the Town will do with or about
the Singlars Bridge built by Capt Jonathan
Ham the people complaining the accounts
are very imperfect whether the town will ac-
cept the accounts as they now stand and
pay the men their demands that built it
or every man to bring in his own account

and have it allowd or whether they intend to
cast all away together and recall the list from
the Constables

6 To see what the town will Vote to do with the
debts due to the town for the hire of the Parson-
age in years past and choose a committee
or some suitable persons to receive the same
and bestow it as the town may Vote.

7 To see if the town will Vote on some method
to open the road from the Meeting House
through White Hall Swamp to Salmon falls
road for the people that way to pass and re-
pass to meeting and otherways: or to do any
other matter or thing the town may think
proper: and all concerned are desired to at-
tend at time and Place.

By order and in behalf of the Selectmen
of Rochester. Rochester 7th March 1770.
Or Jona^a Dam Town Clerk.

Province of (At a legal Town Meeting
New Hampshire) holden in the Meeting House
in Rochester in said Province on Monday the
26th day of March 1770 of the freeholders Quali-
fied by Law to Vote in Publick Town Meetings
the following was transacted: Viz:

1st John Plummer Esq. Chosen Moderator of sd
meeting.

2 Jona^a Dam Chosen Town Clerk.

Jona^a Dam
3 John Plummer Esq. Chosen Selectmen
Jabez Dam

- 4 Jon^a Hodgdon } Chosen Constables
 Peter Horn
- 5 Samuel Loughton } Chosen Assessors
 Daniel Wingate
- 6 Barnabas Palmer } Chosen Commissioners
 Paul Leiby
 William Chamberlain
- 7 Joseph Walker Jr } Chosen Tythingmen
 Samuel Gumbley
- 8 It was put to vote - if the town would
 choose Parish Wardens and voted in the af-
 firmative.
- 9 Paul Leiby } Chosen Parish Wardens
 Richard Place
 Alexander Welch
 Samuel Downing
 Jon^a Dam
 Samuel Loughton
 Barnabas Palmer
- 10 Samuel Plummer } Surveyors of the
 John Brewster highways
 Paul Jenness
 Joseph Tibbets Jr
 Peter Wallingford
 William Ellis Jr
 Gershom Downs
- 11 John Hute } Chosen Field Drivers
 Jonathan Loughton
 Latham Leabe
 Moses Austin

14 Relating to the roads from Cocheco River to
 Barrington Line not acted on though in the
 Notification.

15 It was Put to Vote to see if the town would
 have a school the present year and Voted in
 the affirmative and Voted the Selectmen
 raise thirty pounds lawful money for said use
 and that the Selectmen hire School Masters
 and set off the Districts as usual and fix the
 schools when and where they see cause.

16 It was Put to Vote to see if the town would
 build a Pound as mentioned in the notifi-
 cation and Eleazer Colman appearing and
 offering to build a pound on certain con-
 ditions which he proposed and the Town
 Voted the said Colman should have the lib-
 erty of building a pound by or near his house
 in said town for the use of the town and
 that he shall have the profits of the same
 as long as it shall last he engaging to have
 the same fit for the towns use by the last
 day of June next and to keep it in good or-
 der for the reception and confinement
 of the creatures that from time to time
 may be brought or sent till lawfully dis-
 missed.

17 It was Put to Vote agreeable to the foregoing
 Notification whether the town would accept
 the account Capt Ham delivered of the build-
 ing Linsglass Bridge as it now stands.
 And Voted in the Negative.

- 4 Jon^a Hodgdon } Chosen Constables
 Peter Horn
- 5 Samuel Loughton } Chosen Assessors
 Daniel Wingate
- 6 Barnabas Palmer } Chosen Commissioners
 Paul Lebby
 William Chamberlain
- 7 Joseph Walker Jr } Chosen Tything men
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 in said town for the use of the town and
 that he shall have the profits of the same
 as long as it shall last he engaging to have
 the same fit for the towns use by the last
 day of June next and to keep it in good or-
 der for the reception and confinement
 of the creatures that from time to time
 may be brought or sent till lawfully dis-
 missed.

17 It was Put to Vote agreeable to the foregoing
 Notification whether the town would accept
 the account Capt Ham delivered of the build-
 ing Linsglass Bridge as it now stands.
 And voted in the Negative.

18 It was put to vote to see if every man that worked on said bridge should bring in his own account and have it allowed and voted in the Negative

19 William McDuffell Chosen a committee

Daniel Kingate Agreeable to the foregoing Notification to collect the debt due to the town for the hire of the Parsonage and get the lumber together as soon as can well be and try to get the money for the same for the town's use unless the town should have occasion for the lumber other ways

20 Voted the ten rod road from the Meeting House to Salmon falls road shall be run out as soon as may be by the Selectmen and laid open on the town's cost.

And the meeting adjourned to the third Monday in May next at three of the clock afternoon said day.

Province of New Hampshire Pursuant to the Request of several of the inhabitants and freeholders of the town of Rochester in said Province to the Selectmen of said town. The Freeholders and Inhabitants of said Rochester are hereby notified of a Public Town Meeting to be holden in the meeting house in said Rochester on Monday the 12th day of this instant Nov^r at two o'clock P. M. Then and there to see if the town will act on the following particulars viz:

To see if the town will vote Samuel Knighton in Constable in the room of Peter Horn who was chosen at the annual meeting

2 To see if the town will in general let the Selectmen know their meaning what it was in their votes for the Selectmen to divide the town to build the Linglass and Norway Plain Bridges (so called) in said town whether they intended that each party should pay the cost of their own bridge or the tax to come equally on all parts of the town for building both some taking it one way and some another

3 To see if the town will choose some suitable person as agent to answer the presentment the town is under for want of a road through this town to East Town if the town should have a citation at the Court of Quarter Sessions in December next All concerned are desired to attend and give their sentiments coolly on the above affairs. By order of the Selectmen
Jon^a Sam Town Ck.

Rochester 3^d Nov 1770.

Province of New Hampshire At a legal Town Meeting holden in the Meeting House in Rochester on Monday the 12th day of Nov^r 1770 of the freeholders Qualified by law to vote in Town Meetings the following was transacted -

1st Dec^r James Knowles Chosen Moderator of
2^d meeting

2 Voted that Samuel Loughton is chosen Constable for the present year in the room of Peter Horn who was chosen at our annual Town Meeting he not inclining to serve and procuring said Loughton to serve in his room as his turn.

3 The article of the Norway Plain and Singlass Bridges mentioned in the foregoing notification voted to be refer^d to the March Meeting to be decided.

4 Voted that Jon^a Dam be chosen as agent for the town to answer the Presentment for want of a road as mentioned in the foregoing Notification.

And the Meeting dissolved.

Province of New Hampshire } March 1771. Received of Jon-
athan Dame Fifty-five
Pounds, three shillings seven pence farthing
the Province Tax of Rochester for the year 1770.
£55-3-7/4 Pr George Jaffrey, Treasurer.

Province of New Hampshire } The Town of Rochester being
served with a Process by Capt
Jon^a Ham of said town for their neglect as
he says in paying him for the Singlass
Bridge he built some time since for the
use of the town.

The Freeholders and Inhabitants of Roch-
ester Qualified by Law to Vote in Publick
Town Meetings Are hereby notified of a Pub-
lick Town Meeting to be holden in the Meeting

House in said Rochester on Monday the
third day of December next at 2 o'clock
All said day then and there to see what
the town will do with said Law-suit wheth-
er they will choose an agent to defend the
town at His Majesties Inferior Court on the
first Thursday in said December or else
settle the affair with said Capt Ham any
other way as the town may think best
when together. All concerned are desired
to attend.

Given under our hands in Rochester
this 24th day of Nov^r 1770

Jon^a Dam } Selectmen of
Jabez Dam } Rochester.

Province of New Hampshire } At a Legal Town Meeting
holden in the Meeting House
in Rochester in sd Province on Monday
the third day of December 1770 of the free-
holders and inhabitants Qualified by Law
to Vote in Town Meetings the following was
resolved.

Dec^r James Knowles } Chosen Moderator of said
meeting.

2 Voted and Resolved that Isaac Leiby, Dan-
iel Wingate and Jabez Dam Be and are here-
by chosen as a committie to settle the af-
fair with Capt Ham with regard to the
Singlass Bridge mentioned in the fore-
going Notification as well as they can in sa-

vour of the town and if they cannot settle to make Report to the town on the adjournment of this meeting.

And the meeting adjourned to the Monday next the 10th day of this instant December at two o'clock afternoon said day.

And if the committee settle with said Capt Ham then said Meeting is to die of it self.

Rochester March 20th 1771.

Received of the selectmen the sum of Forty three pounds six shillings two pence and two farthings as salary being in full for what was due for the year 1767, 1768 & 1769.

I say Received by me, Avery Hall.
£43-6-2-2

Rochester 20th March 1771.

Received of the selectmen the sum of Thirty two Pounds, eight shillings & one penny 1/2 penny as part of my salary for the year past.

I say Received by me, Avery Hall.
£32-8-1/2.

1771.

Province of New Hampshire } The Freeholders and Inhabitants of Rochester in sd
Province Qualified by Law to Vote in town meetings

You are hereby notified of a Public Town Meeting to be held at the meeting house in sd Rochester on Monday the 20th day of this instant March at ten of the clock A.M. then and there to act on and Vote on the following particulars:

1 To choose all Town Officers for the year ensuing as the Law Directs.

2 To see if the Town will vote to repair the Widdetown roads through the town from the Chestnut Hills to the Head of the town this year and if so how much to be laid out on it and how to be done.

3 To see if the town will vote to new build the Bridge at Squamaneogonnick falls (so called) and if so how it shall be done.

4 To see what the town will do about haying for the Lsinglass and Norway Plain Bridges built last year whether the town shall be taxed on an equality for payment of them both or whether each party

of the town shall pay for their own bridge and keep it in repair for the future or whether the delinquent party through the town in the two last mentioned bridges shall build y^e Squamaneogonnick bridge.

5 To see if the town will vote to raise any

money to hire any schools for the present year and how much.

6 To see if the Town will hear the Request of a number of Petitioners and Vote to sell the land pland for a highway by Dover head line from the road by Deacon James Knowles running south westerly to the Cochees River or any part of it as the town when together may judge prudent.

7 To choose and empower some suitable person or persons as agent or committee to collect the outstanding debts due to the town or in lumber or in old constables hands and appropriate the same as the town may vote or to do any other matters as the town when together shall think proper to be done on sd day and all concerned are desired to attend By order and in behalf of the Selectmen

By Jonathan Dam T. Clk.

Rochester 16th March 1771.

Province of New Hampshire At a legal Town Meeting holden at the Meeting House on Monday the 25 day of March in Rochester 1771 of the Freeholders Qualified to Vote in Publick Town Meetings the following was transacted. Namely Deacon James Knowles Chosen Moderator of sd meeting.

The meeting adjourned to the second Monday in April next at ten of the clock.

Met according to adjournment on sd day of

2 Josiah Wain } Chosen Town Clerk

Jonathan Dame

Abner Dame

3 James Knowles

John Cook

Samuel Twombly

4 John Jenness Jr

Daniel Page

5 Daniel Kingate

Samuel Loughton

6 William Chamberlain

Richard Place

Richard Place

7 Timothy Roberts Jr

Kentworth Hayes

8 Ebenezer Place Jr

John Ham

Paul Jenness

James Mc Duffee

Richard Furber

Abner Dame

9 William Chamberlain

Samuel Kingate

10 John Mc Duffee

Alexander Hodgson Jr

Henry Tibbets

Daniel Jenness

} Chosen Selectmen

} Chosen Constables

} Chosen Assessors

} Chosen Commissioners

} Chosen Tything men.

} Chosen Parish Wardens.

} Chosen Surveyors of the highways.

- Ebenezer Ficker
 Jonathan Richards } Chosen Field Drivers
 Wiley Gould
 John Hardy Jr
 William Elliot } Chosen Hog Reeves
 Joseph Thompson
 Ems. Schabod Corson } Fence Viewers
 Paul Leiby
 Elazar Coleman } Pound Keeper.

The meeting adjourned to the last Monday in May.

Met according to adjournment on sd day of May the following was transacted:

14 As Jonathan Dame refuses to serve the town as a Selectman the town thought proper to choose two more which was Ensign Moses Hayes and William Mc Duffee. William Mc Duffee refuses to serve the town as a Selectman.

15 It was put to vote to see if this town would do anything to the road leading into Middletown road -

16 This present year the town voted in the affirmative the town proceeded and voted that thirty dollars should be laid out on sd road and that it should be of the money which was due to the town.

The meeting adjourned to the last Monday in June 3 clock after noon

Met according to adjournment.

The Town thought proper not to have any vote about the bridges as mentioned in the Notification But for to let it rest for a time

Thomas Peavy } Chosen Surveyor of highway
 17 It was put to vote to see whether this town should raise any money according unto the foregoing Notification to hire any schools the present year and it was voted in the affirmative. The town proceeded and voted that the Selectmen raise thirty pounds for the use of schools for the present year.

18 It was put to vote to see if the town would vote to sell the land Island for a highway by Dover head line from the road by Deacon James Knowles running south westerly to the Cochees River as mentioned in the foregoing Notification & voted to the Negative.

19 It was put to vote to see whether this town would empower some person or persons as agents or committee to collect the outstanding debts due to the town and those in the old constables hands and appropriate the same as the town may think proper when together and voted to the Negative.

And the meeting dissolved.

Whereas the inhabitants of New Durham and the fore so called have perfixed a petition to The General Sessions of the Peace desiring a committee appointed to lay out a road from Capt Ephraim Berry's to Ebenezer Dows on the Bridge so called whereon the Court ordered that Rochester be serv'd with a Copy of the petition & order of Court to shew cause if any why their prayers should not be granted

Province of } In consideration of the
New Hampshire } above the freeholders and
Inhabitants of the town of Rochester such
as are legal voters in Town Meetings are
herby notified of a Publick Town Meeting
to be holden at the meeting house in sd
Rochester on Monday the twenty ninth
of this instant July at three of the clock
in the afternoon sd day then and there
to act on the following business

- 1 To chuse a moderator to regulate sd meeting
- 2 To chuse some suitable person as an agent
for the town of Rochester to apply to the
Quarter Sessions to give reasons why their
requests should not be granted or to act
otherwise on the affair as the town when
together shall think proper.

And all concerned are desired to attend
at time and place Rochester 19th July 1771.

Record^d J. Main Clerk By order of the Selectmen
J. Main Town Clerk

At a legal Town Meeting - siden in the
Meeting House in Rochester the twentieth
day of this instant July 1771 the following was
transacted: Namely, first -
Jms Edward Tabbetts Chosen Moderator of
sd meeting.

2^d Deacon James Knowles was chosen as
agent for the town according to the prep-
ing Notification to answer the presentment
for want of a road. And the meeting dissolved

Attest Josiah Main T. Clerk.

Whereas the circumstances of this town at
present seems to look dark and gloomy and
the burden of cutting & clearing of roads through
this town is too heavy for the inhabitants to
bear

Province of } Therefore the freeholders &
New Hampshire } inhabitants of the town of
Rochingham SS } Rochester in sd county such
as are legal voters in Town Meetings are
herby notified of a Publick Town Meeting
to be holden in the Meeting House in said
Rochester on Monday the ninth day of this
instant December at 12 of the clock on sd
day then and there to act and vote on the
following Particulars:

- 1 To choose a moderator to regulate sd meeting
- 2 To choose some suitable person as an agent
for the town to prefer a petition to the
General Assembly humbly praying
That a tax be laid on all the land in

Rochester at half penny per acre for the space of four years for the clearing and cutting of the two new roads which is requested the one leading from Capt Ephraim Berry's to Ebenezer Dows on the Ridge (so called) the other leading from the Chestnut Hills to East town (so called) likewise for the repairing of those two new roads already made that is the one leading to New Durham and the other to Widdletown so called.

3 To see if the town will empower the former committee chosen by the town which was Capt William Allin, Isaac Leiby & Barnabas Palmer to gather the outstanding debts due to the town or otherwise dismiss them and choose others in their room as the town shall think proper and empower those when chosen to collect all the outstanding debts due to the town exclusive of the present year whether in former town clerks, selectmens hands or constables as far back as yet remains unsettled and they shall have full power to carry on and prosecute to final judgment and execution if need require or to do any other matters or thing proper to be done on sd day and all concerned are desired to attend at time & place.

Rochester November 29, 1771.

By order of the selectmen, Josiah Wainwright

Province of New Hampshire } At a Legal Town Meeting
Rochingham SSth } Holden at the Meeting House
on Monday the ninth day
of December 1771 the following was transacted Namely:

1 John Plummer Esq. Chosen moderator of said meeting.

2 John Plummer Esq. Chosen agent according to the foregoing Notification for the town of Rochester.

3 It was put to vote agreeable to the foregoing Notification to see if the town would empower the old committee as mentioned in the Notification to recover the town's interest money or papers out of the hands of those which withhold it from the town and voted in the negative.

4 Voted that Enos Moses Hayes, John Cook and Samuel Twombly be a committee according to the foregoing Notification and that they have full powers and authority in behalf of the town and to carry on and prosecute to final judgment & execution and to return the money to the Selectmen for the time being.

And the meeting dissolved.

Rochester, 28th March 1772

Then by request of a number of the inhabitants of sd Rochester we have preambulated, run out and laid open two highways as p^land in said town the one be-

ginning at a red oak tree at the north west corner of the lot Number 126 in the first division on the south side the Coche-
 co River near the Wading place is called
 against the south end of the highway
 leading from William Jenness's southerly
 to the said Coche-co River and from said
 tree we run west forty seven degrees south
 over into the road leading lengthways
 of Blind Hill's Neck and spotted the trees
 in said line and set up stakes where trees
 and bushes were wanting leaving the road
 which is two poles wide on the north west
 side of the said line of spotted trees and
 stakes then began the other at the said
 Neck road two poles north west from a
 white birch which is in the Neck road at
 the end of the division fence as it now
 stands between the possession of Lemuel
 Bickford and James McDuffee where they
 now live at a stake set up against the fence
 now standing erected across the said
 pland road and from said stake we run
 into the center of the said road which is
 four rods wide west forty seven degrees
 south till we came within two rods of
 Barrington line then turned and run
 a parallel line with said Barrington
 line two rods from it till we struck the
 Singlass river above the head of the falls
 near Locke's Saw Mill in said Barrington

and spotted the trees well in said line
 and set up stakes where trees and bushes
 were wanting.

Run out the day and year abovesaid by us
 Moses Hayes
 James Knowles } Selectmen
 Samuel Twombly }

Rochester March 26th 1772

Then in answer to a petition from a
 number of the inhabitants of said Roches-
 ter we have preambulated or run out a
 highway in said town beginning at a
 Beech tree mark with sundry letters and
 different dates cut in said tree and is Num-
 ber 26 in the second division all appear-
 ing to ancient marks and figures and is
 the north east corner bounds of the lot
 drawn to the original right of John Thomp-
 son among the Proprietors of said Roches-
 ter and from said tree we run west forty
 three degrees north as far as the north west
 side of the lot numbered thirty eight then
 returning to said Beech tree we set out
 and run east 43° south to the south east
 corner of the lot Number twenty five end-
 ing at a large Hemlock tree on the west
 side and north west end of the road be-
 fore laid out by the Selectmen of said
 Rochester from the lower end of the Long
 Marsh leading by Paul Jenness, Samuel

Drown Ju^r, Nathaniel Garland's and others
 leaving the said highway on the north-
 east side of the line and spotted trees
 which road is four rods wide
 laid out the day and year above said by us

Moses Hayes

James Knowles } Selectmen
 Samuel Twombly }

The town of Rochester's account 1771.

Pr Town's Credit

Raised in Constable Daniel Page's
 Rate list 1771

102-17-5

Raised in Constable John Jenness Ju^r
 Rate list 1771

87-3-8

A present to the town from his
 Excellency John Wentworth Esq. }
 towards repairing the road through
 Rochester leading to Middletown } 9-0-0

199-1-1

The Town of Rochester's account 1771. Pr Debt

Paid the Province Treasurer pr year 1771
 in part

22-10-0

Paid for the work done on the road
 which runs through Rochester lead-
 ing to Middletown

18-0-0

Paid one half Main Road School
 District 1771

The upper part of the road

2-10-0

Paid one half Chestnut Hills School
 District 1771

2-10-0

Paid one half the Veech School 1771

2-10-0

Paid one half Salmon falls School 1771
 Lower half 2-10-0

Paid for mending the Parsonage
 Barn 1771 0-6-4

Paid for cutting the windfalls out of
 the Middletown Road in the winter 0-9-0

Paid for taking an Inventory pr year
 1771 0-18-0

Constable Daniel Page's Rates discount-
 ed 1771 1-3-1

Paid the clerk for Drawing & Return-
 ing 5 jurors 0-15-0

Paid Mr Jon^a Dam 2 days running
 highways. 0-12-0

Paid Dea^m James Knowles 2 days run-
 ning highways 0-6-0

Paid En^m Moses Hayes 2 days running
 highways 0-6-0

Paid Samuel Twombly 2 days running
 highways 0-6-0

Paid Dea^m James Knowles as an agent
 to Exeter 0-12-0

Paid Jon^a Dam for clothing Robert
 Ellis thrown on the town 1-4-0

Paid for writing Rate Lists & Countersigns 1-10-0

Paid the Rev^d Avery Hall his salary
 that was back in the year 1770 47-11-11

Paid Mr Hall towards his salary for
 year 1771 22-8-1

Discounted in Rates towards the
 Norway Plain Bridge 0-18-0

Paid Jonathan Darn for writing En-
durances to bind the above said boy 0-30
129-19-0

Back Money due to the town from
Constables and Selectmen 18-15-4

In Constable Daniel Page's hands
In Constable John Jenness's hands 48-9-10
In the Selectmen's hands 1-16-11

Cr 69-2-1

Debts 129-19-0

Total 199-1-1

The within is a true account of the town's
Debt and Credit for year as kept by us said
year 1771.

James Knowles

Jabez Darn

John Cook

Samuel Twombly

Moses Hayes

Selectmen of
Rochester

Examined the Rate Lists and Counterpins
together with the town's account and find
them to agree and to be a fair and true
account which is rendered to the town by
the selectmen. By us

Wm Chamberlain / Commissioner

Attest J. Wain Clerk Richard Place / Rochester

Rochester March 28, 1772

Received of the Selectmen of Rochester the sum
of forty seven pounds eleven shillings & eleven-
pence l. m. in full for what was due of my
salary for the year 1770.
For me Avery Hall.

Rochester March 28, 1772

Received of the Selectmen the sum of
twenty two pounds eight shillings one
penny l. m. as part of my salary for the
year 1771. For Avery Hall.

Province of New Hampshire } March 1772. Received of Jms
Jenness for by John Plum-
mer Esq. twenty two pounds part of Province
Tax Rochester for the year 1771.

For George Caffrey, Treas.

Province of New Hampshire } March 20, 1772. Then Received
of Daniel Page by John Cook
twenty two pounds ten shillings part of
the Province tax for the year 1771.

For George Caffrey, Treas.

Province of New Hampshire } The Freeholders and Inhabi-
tants of the Town of Rochester
in said Province such as are legal Voters
in Town Meetings are hereby Notified of
a Publick Town Meeting to be held in the
Meeting house in said Rochester on Mon-
day the thirtieth day of this instant
March at ten of the clock in the fore-
noon said day then and there to act
and vote on the following particulars
First to choose all town officers as the
law directs for the present year.
Secondly to vote what sum of money
shall be raised to hire schools for the
present year.

Thirdly To see if the Town will vote that the money due to the Town for the lot of land sold to Joseph Pearl by the selectmen of said town shall be laid out on the roads in said town the present year all necessary charges that are back first deducted out of the same and if voted in the affirmative to choose a committee to lay out the same

Fourthly to see what sum the town will vote for making, mending and repairing of the several highways and bridges in said town the present year according to a late act of the Province and also to affix the price of the several sorts of utensils & materials employed about said wages as also the price of labour or otherwise leave said prices to the selectmen as the law provides

Fifthly by the request of Mr Hall to see if the town will vote to do something more towards finishing off the Parsonage House and if voted to say how much & also to appoint a committee for to carry on the same.

Sixthly to see if the town will vote to fence in the Burying Place at the Meeting house this present year also to see if the town will buy a Burying Cloath which may be for the use of the town: as also to do any other business or act on

the above articles as the town when together shall think proper and all concerned are desired to attend at time and place

Josiah Main Town Clerk.

Rochester March 19th 1772

By order of the Selectmen.

Province of } At a legal Town Meeting
New Hampshire } holden in Meeting House
on Monday the thirtieth day of this instant March in Rochester 1772 of the freeholders qualified to vote in Publick Town Meetings the following was transacted

namely:

1 John Plummer } Chosen Moderator

2 Josiah Main } Chosen Town Clerk

William Chamberlain }
3 Capt William Allen } Selectmen
John Cook

4 Joseph Knight } Constables

John Place

5 Daniel Kingate } Assessors
Samuel Loughton

6 Kentworth Hayes } Commissioners
Richard Place

Timothy Roberts Jr } Tything men

7 Richard Place

Joseph Walker Jr

Joseph Darn

8 Thomas Plummer } Parish Wardens.
John Ham

- Barnabas Palmer
 Samuel Kingate
 Richard Plalce
 9 Benjamin Dam
 Daniel Page
 Reuben Heard
 Eben Ricker
 Joshua Knight
 Eben Ricker
 Mirrey Gould
 10 Linnet Richardson
 John Hute
 Gershom Downs
 Aaron Ham
 Moses Austin
 11 Lt Stephen Berry
 Ensmth Schabod Corson
 Zebulon Dam
 Jonathan Ellist
 12 Jm Ellist
 Joseph Thompson
 13 Eleazer Colman }

Surveyors of
the highways

Field Drivers

Fence Viewers

Hog Reeths

Ground Keeper

14 It was put to vote to according to the foregoing Notification to see if the town would hire any schools this year and voted in the affirmative and voted that thirty pounds should be raised to hire schools the present year.

And the meeting adjourned to the sixth day of April.

Met on April the sixth and the following

was transacted Vamely
 5 Voted that Deacon Joseph Walker should be excused of paying his Rate as to his Poll.

6 The Town thought proper not to pass my vote as relating to the lot of land mentioned in the Notification as it belongs to the Proprietors of said town

7 Voted that Lt Stephen Berry is chosen Constable in the room of Joseph Knight who was chosen Constable at the annual meeting he not inclining to serve and he procuring said Berry to serve in his room as his turn

18 As to the repairing of the highways and bridges through the town voted that it should be done by a Rate and that a single poll should work one day on the ways and bridges as mentioned in the Notification and the Rest according to the same proportion and voted that they should have two shillings and six pence per day.

19 It was put to vote agreeable to the foregoing Notification to see whether the town would do any more work on the Parsonage House this year and it was voted in the affirmative and voted that five pounds L. M. should be raised in the town to be laid out on said house and voted that Joseph Earl be a committee man to carry on the work.

20 As to fencing in the burying place

and to buy a burying cloath as in the
Votification the Town concluded to do it
by subscription.

22 Capt Jonathan Ham, Ephraim Ham
Chosen surveyors of highways
And the meeting dissolved.

Attest Josiah Main, Town Clerk
Then by the request of a number of the
Inhabitants of the town of Rochester
we have preambulated or new run the
ten rod road from Salmon falls road so
called across to the Main Road by the
Meeting House as followeth Beginning
at the middle of the ten rod road near
the west corner of Elijah Tabbetts land
running south thirty seven degrees west
eighty six rods then south forty four de-
grees west to the Main Road we allowing
the spotted trees to be the center of the
road laid out by us

William Allen } Selectmen
Thos Chamberlain } Rochester

Rochester October 1772.

Record^{ed} Josiah Main Town Clerk.

Rochester March 27, 1773.

Received of the Selectmen the sum of
fifty seven pounds eleven shillings &
eleven pence in full for my salary for
the year 1771. I say received by me
Recorded April 9th 1774

Avery Hall
Josiah Main T. Clerk

The Town of Rochester's account 1772
Or Town's Credit

Paid in Constable Stephen Burries
List 1772 114-15-0

Paid in Constable John Plaices
List 1772 83-9-1

Paid in the several surveyors
Lists 1772 64-2-9

Eighteen Shillings l. m. paid by
John Plummer Esq^r

for breach of the Sabbath 00-18-00

Received of the committee men En^r
Hose Hays & Samuel Twombly mon-
ey that was back 5-3-0

Received of the old Selectmen left
in their hands 1771 1-16-11

In Constable John Fenness hands 48-9-10

In Constable Daniel Pagers hands 18-13-4

337-8-5

The Town of Rochester's acct 1772. Or Debt

Paid the Province Treasurer pr year 1772-35-12-0

Paid the Province Treasurer pr year 1771 22-0-0

Paid Mr Avery Hall his salary that was
back year 1771 57-11-11

Paid Mr Hall his salary for the year 1772 22-08-1

Paid Richard Place for taking an-

00-15-0

Inventory 1772 7-2-0

Paid the County Treasury

Paid En^r Schabod Corson for glass
for the Meeting House 0-6-0

Paid the Chestnut Hills School District 1771, 2-10-0

Paid Eben Tebbetts for mending the Meeting House	0-10-3
Paid John Jenness Jr on the Neck their part of the school money 1772	5-0-0
Paid En ^m Moses Hayes their part of the school money 1772	5-0-0
Paid Samuel Loughton for that District where he lives 1772	5-0-0
Paid Josiah Wain for keeping Salmon Falls District lower part 1771	2-10-0
Paid Squamagonnick School District 1771	5-0-0
Paid the lower half of the Neck School District 1771	2-10-0
Paid the upper half of the Neck School District 1771	2-10-0
Received of the surveyors above in labour 1772	58-05-6
Paid Daniel Page for warning Town Officers 1772	0-17-6
John Places Rates Discounted per year 1772	1-9-2
Paid Constable Page for warning five jurors 1772	0-5-0
Paid for work done on the Meeting house 1772	0-5-0
Paid for running the ten rod road & making return	0-15-0
Selectmen's service for the year 1772	2-12-0
John Jenness Rate and Drawbacks for the year 1771	3-5-8
	944-1-1

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Paid the clerk for Drawing and Returning 3 jurors 3/ each	0-9-0
Paid John Pierce for an execution against the town	10-3-4
By an order from Mr Avery Hall 1772	1-15-10
By an order from Mr Avery Hall 1772	5-0-0
Paid Constable Stephen Berry for keeping Elisha Allen thrown on the town	5-11-0
	22-19-2
Brought over from the other side	244-0-1
	266-19-3
Back money due to the town in Selectmen's hands in the Constables hands and Surveyors hands	2-3-0
In Constable Stephen Berries hands	55-5-5
In Constable John Jenness hands 1771	3-17-6
In Ephraim Harris hands	5-10-8
In Joshua Knights hands	0-6-7
By an order from Otis Baker as a Drawback 1771	0-3-6
Paid Salmon Falls School District upper part 1771	2-10-0
Outstanding money in the Selectmen's hands	2-15-6
	70-9-2
	266-19-3
	337-8-5

The within is a true account of the

Town's Debt and Credit as kept by us pr
year 1772

John Cook
Wm Chamberlain } Selectmen of
William Allen } Rochester

Examined the Patelists or "Counterpins"
together with the Town's accounts and
find them to agree and to be a fair
and true account which is rendered to
the town by the Selectmen By us:

Hentworth Hayes Commissioners
Richard Place Rochester

Recorded Josiah Main, Town Clerk.

Province of New Hampshire } March 1773. Received of
Stephen Berry eighteen
pounds two shillings part of the Province
Tax of Rochester for the year 1772.

Pr Geo Jaffrey, Treasurer.

£18-2-0

Province of New Hampshire } March 1773 Received of John
Place Or Jon^a Dam seven-
teen pounds ten shillings part of the
Province Tax of Rochester for the year 1772.

£17-10-0 Pr Geo Jaffrey, Treasurer.

Rochester, March 21st 1773.

Received of the Selectmen the sum of
twenty two pounds eight shillings and
one penny as part of my salary for the
year 1772. I say Received by me

£22-8-1

Avery Hall.

Province of New Hampshire } The freeholders and in-
habitants of the town of
Rochester in the Province aforesaid such
were legal voters in town meetings
You are hereby notified of a Public
Town Meeting to be held in the meeting
house in sd Rochester in the Province
aforesaid on Monday the 29th day of this
instant March at ten of the clock in
the forenoon on sd day then and there
to choose all town officers for the year
ensuing as the Law directs

1. To see if the town will vote to Raise
any money to hire any schools for the
present year and how much

2. By the request of sundry persons to
see if the town will vote to lay open
the four rod road from Solomon Clark's
to Garland's Mill so called.

3. To hear the request of sundry persons
to see if the town will vote to open a
way from Birch Brook (so called) through
Birch Trees land and through Ephraim
Ham's land & John Heard's out to the
road that leads to the Squamamegon-
nick Bridge (so called) or to do any other
matter as the town when together shall
think proper to be done on sd day.

And all persons concerned are desired
to attend at time and place.

By order and in behalf of the Selectmen
Rochester March 13 1773 Josiah Main Town Clerk

At a Legal Town Meeting holden in the Meeting House in Rochester on Monday the 29th day of March 1773 the following business was transacted. Namely: first:

1st Lt John McDuffee Chosen Moderator. sd meeting
2^d Josiah Main Chosen Town Clerk

Eben Telfetts
3^d Samuel Haighton } Chosen Selectmen
Paul Lebbly

4 Ems^m Schabod Corson } Chosen Constables
Diamond Pearl

The Meeting adjourned to the first Wednesday in April.

Met on sd day of April & the following was transacted

5 Jabez Dam & Moses Brown Chosen Assessors

Barnabas Palmer } Chosen Commissioners
Richard Place

Timothy Roberts Jr
Alexander Hodgdon Jr } Tything men
Daniel McDuffee
John Cook

Ems^m Schabod Corson } Chosen surveyors of
Joseph Knight } the highways for
Joseph Pearl } the present year.
8 Aaron Ham
Paul Janness
David French

Daniel Kimball
9 William Mc Vett } Chosen Field Drivers
Samuel Richardson

Peter Corn } Chosen Fence Viewers the
Solomon Dam } present year

Jonathan Ellis } Chosen Log Raths
William Ellis

It was put to vote agreeable to the foregoing Notification to see whether the town have any money paid to hire any schools the present year and voted that the selectmen assess the Polls and Estates and raise thirty pounds lawful money to hire schools the present year.

14 Voted that the highways should be done by a rate and that a single poll should work two days on the highways this year and the rest accordingly and that they should have two shillings & six pence per day for wages finding themselves materials to work with

15 It was put to vote according to the foregoing Notification to see if the town will open the four rod road from Solomon Clark's to Harlan Mills (so called) on the town's cost and voted in the affirmative

16 Ems^m Schabod Corson came into the meeting and requested of the town to excuse him from serving as Constable this present year and for some particular reason the town voted him out from serving Constable this present year.

17 Voted that Jonathan Dam & Samuel Haighton be a committee to view the situ-

ation of the road as mentioned in the Notification from Punch Brook to the Squamaneagonnick Bridge and bring a report to the town on the adjournment of this meeting.

8 Joseph Heard chosen Constable in the room of En^{rs} Corson and the meeting adjourned to the first Monday in June
9 Met on sd day of June and the following was transacted: Namely:

1st Voted that John Vute is chosen Constable in the room of Joseph Heard who was chosen at the adjournment he not inclining to serve and procuring said Vute to serve in his room as his turn.

2nd Voted that Capt Jonathan Ham is chosen surveyor of the highways in the room of Aaron Ham who was chosen at our annual meeting and the meeting dissolved
U.B. As to the seventeenth article in the Notification the committee brought no account in writing into the meeting but verbally by word of mouth.

Recorded by Josiah Wain. Town Clerk.

To the Freeholders & Inhabitants of the Town of Rochester of the Congregational Society such as are qualified by Law to vote in Public Town Meetings Pursuant to a petition from a sufficient number of Inhabitants You are hereby Notified

of a Public Town Meeting to be held in the Meeting House in sd Rochester on Monday the thirteenth day of September next at ten o'clock A.M. on said day then & there to act on the following particulars

1 To choose a Moderator to regulate sd meeting
2 To see if the Inhabitants of said Town are satisfied with the Rev^d Mr Hall under their present difficult circumstances in regard to his doctrine and conduct if not
3rd To see if this town will vote whether Mr Hall shall supply the desk or not until he has cleared up his character

4 To see if this town will vote to hire some suitable Candidate to supply the desk for such a time as they may think proper.

5 Also to choose a committee for the purposes above mentioned

6 To see if the town will vote to lay out a way from Middletown to New Durham road near Broadstreet Trenches agreeable to a petition for the same. Also to act on any other matters the town may think proper when convened. And all concerned are desired to attend at time and place. Rochester 28 August 1773.

Paul Leiby } Selectmen.
Eben Tabbetts }

At a legal Town Meeting held in the Meeting House on Monday the 18th day of this instant September the following was transacted. Namely:

1 John Plummer Esq Chosen Moderator of sd meeting

2 It was put to vote agreeable to the foregoing Notification to see if the Inhabitants of this town are satisfied with Mr Hall under their present difficult circumstances in regard to his Doctrine and Conduct and

Voted in the Negative.

3 It was put to vote to see whether the third article mentioned in the Notification should be acted upon at this present time and voted in the affirmative accordingly it was put to vote as mentioned.

4 It was put to vote to see whether Rev Mr Avery Hall shall supply the desk or not until he hath cleared up his character and the things alleged against him and voted in the Negative

Recorded By Josiah Main Town Clk.

And the meeting adjourned to the second Monday in October 2^o clock

Met on sd day of October and the Meeting adjourned to the first Monday in November at twelve o'clock on sd day
Met on sd day and the Meeting adjourned

to the fifteenth day of November at 2^o clock sd day & the meeting dissolved.

Strafford ss { We the subscribers, freeholders & Inhabitants of Rochester qualified to vote in town affairs beg leave to enter our dissent to the proceedings of the meeting held in the Meeting House in sd Rochester on the 13th day of September 1773 in consequence of a supposed warrant dated the 28th day of August last said to be signed by two of the Selectmen of sd town to notify a meeting of the Congregational Society in said town on the 13th of said September to vote on the matters and things therein mentioned because sd warrant is said to be pursuant to a petition from a sufficient number of the Inhabitants of sd town when the law says ten freeholders and it dont appear what number the Selectmen call sufficient nor whether the Inhabitants that petitioned were freeholders: that sd warrant is directed to the freeholders and Inhabitants of sd Society when it ought to be directed to the freeholders and Inhabitants of sd town qualified to vote in Publick Town Meetings: Though the direction and notice is special yet the things in said warrant

mentioned are proposed to be voted by the town which is a contradiction in terms Moreover because the matters proposed to be voted touching their minister the Rev Mr Hall are not in the power of the town to vote as they have already called and settled Mr Hall for their minister and ought to treat him as such until he is regularly dismissed from his ministry or voluntarily resigns that office no other person can officiate in his place or desk without his consent neither can any vote of the town make the dissenters thereto liable to be charged with a tax for the purpose of hiring a Candidate to officiate as mentioned in sd warrant. Wherefore the subscribers utterly object to any such tax and protest against their being chargeable therewith and pray that this their dissent may be entered in the town Records.

September 13, 1773.

Lt Samuel Downing	Ebenezer Place
Lt Stephen Berry	Barnabas Palmer
Ems Lehabod Corson	Henry Allard
Ems Richard Furber	Samuel Hingate
Ems Moses Hayes	Daniel Hingate
Dea Joseph Walker	Samuel Twombly
Benjamin Gorse	Samuel Drown ^{ch}
Isaac Lebbey	Reuben Heard ^{ch}
Richard Kentworth	Kentworth Hayes

Joseph Walker	Jonathan Richards
Richard Place ^{cor}	Joseph Knight
Tristram Heard	Joseph Heard
Benjamin Heard	Capt Jon ^a Ham

Rochester June 24th 1773

Province of New Hampshire } Then by the request of a number of the inhabitants and pursuance of a vote from sd town for procuring a road for the people on the south west side of the town by and above the Long Marsh to pass and re-pass to the Mills at Squamaneagonnick Falls in sd town for the benefit of his Majesties Subjects in general.

We run out the Four Rod road pland between the first and second division begun at a pitch pine tree being the bound of the lot number 120 in said second division at the south east corner of the lot by the ten rod road that runs north-westerly through said town said tree is said also to be the corner bound of the lot number 88 in the fourth division and from said tree we run south 47 degrees west two miles or to the south west side of the Parsonage lot in the second division in said town leaving the highway on the south east side the line and spotted trees run out the day and year above said by us

Eben^r Tibbets

Paul Lebby

Samuel Loughton

Selectmen

Recorded by Josiah Main, T. Clk.

Rochester 24 June 1773

In behalf of sd town
and for the use of his Majesties Subjects
in general we have laid out a highway
beginning at a pitch pine tree spot-
ted on four sides and is the southwest
corner of the lot Number 15 in the fourth
division in sd town and on the north
west side of the road leading from the
road that runs lengthways of Blind
Will's Neck to the Squamahegonnick Hills
being about 4 rods north east from the
Widow Mercy Barber's house and from
said tree run west 43 degrees north sixty
rods or till we came to the lot Number
119 in the first division sd town then
run south 47 degrees west to the road
running north westerly on the side of
William's Marsh so called up by Aaron
Ham's house leaving the road four
rods wide on the south west and south
side the lines and spotted trees

Laid out the day and year above said by us

Eben^r Tibbets

Paul Lebby

Saml Loughton

Selectmen

Rochingham SS } May 27, 1773 Received of the
Selectmen of Rochester eleven pounds, six-
teen shillings & eight pence in full of sd
Rochester County tax for the year 1772.
Pr me Peter Giltman County Treasurer
11-16-8. Recorded April 11th 1774
Josiah Main, Town Clerk.

Received Jan^y 31st 1774 of Ebenezer Tibbets
thirty seven pounds sixteen shillings
& four pence lawful money being the
County tax of the Town of Rochester for
the year 1773.
Thos W. Waldron, Treasurer

£ 37-16-4

Rochester, March 16th 1774.

Received of Ebenezer Tib-
bets the sum of four pounds lawful
money being in full of bill of cost given
by a committee from the Sessions sit-
ting at Exeter for a road running
through my land for the use of the
Kings Subjects. Received by me
John Ham.

Province of } Feby 2nd 1774 Received of
New Hampshire Ebenezer Tibbets thirty
seven pounds ten shillings the Province
Tax of Rochester in the County of Straf-
ford for the year 1773.

Pr Geo Jaffrey, Treasurer

Rochester March 23^d 1774.

Received of the Selectmen the sum of fifty pounds sixteen shillings & one penny lawful in full of my salary for the year 1772.

I say received by me Avery Hall.

Rochester March 28th 1774.

Received of the Selectmen the sum of eighty pounds lawful money being my salary for the year 1773.

I say received by me Avery Hall.

Town of Rochester's accounts March 24, 1774

To Paid in Constable John Pro Credit
Voter's Rate list 154-14-0

To Paid in Constable Dimond
Pearl's Rate list 128-10-9

Received of the Committee Saml
Twombly & Ems Hayes 13-13-11

In Constable Jno Jenness Rate list
Remaining due to town 3-17-6

In Constable Stephen Berries
List 55-5-5

Cash in the Selectmen's hands
last year 2-15-6

Received of the Committee Ems
Hayes & Saml Twombly 2-10-0

361-07-1

The Town of Rochester Accounts Mch 24, 1774
Pro Debt

To paid the Chestnut Hills School
District for y^e year 1772 5-10-00-0

To Drawbacks on Constable Stephen
Berries Rate list 8-17-7-2

To paid Jno Jenness for a highway 1-5-0-0

To Drawbacks in Constable John
Jenness Rate list 0-17-3-0

To mistake in the settlement
of the selectmen last year 0-00-10-0

To paid the Chestnut Hills school
District for the year 1770. 2-10-00-0

To paid John Brewster for order
dated March 1769 4-6-0

To John Harris for Rates taken of in
Constable Saml Loughton's list 0-8-3-0

To cash paid for advice to an at-
torney and expenses at Portsmouth 0-14-0-0

To 1/2 quire of paper to do the town
business 0-2-3-0

To expenses at Lt Berries of Binding
Nathan Allen's boy 0-3-10-0

To paid Capt Yeaton for execution 2-13-8-0

To paid the Sheriff's fees for the ser-
vice of sd execution 1-10-0-0

To paid the County Treasurer for
the year 1772 Pro Rec^t 11-16-8-0

To time & expense carrying sd tax
to Portsmouth 0-4-6-0

To paid for indentures & expenses
Binding sd boy 0-6-6-0

To paid Lt Berry for taking Nathan Allen's son 9-0-0-0

To paid for making & taking an Inventory of Polls and Estates & returning sd inventory to Portsmouth 3-8-0-0

To paid for laying out one highway & making returns 0-12-0-0

To paid the County Tax for the year 1773 Pr Rec^t 37-16-4-0

To paid the Province Tax for the year 1773 Pr Rec^t 37-10-0-0

To paid Josiah Wain for Squama-regonick tower District School 4-10-0-0

To paid for laying out one highway & making returns 0-12-0-0

To paid Jon^d Sam^d & Sam^d Loughton for 1/2 day running highways 0-5-0-0

To a Drawback in John Place's list 0-15-0-0

To paid Wm Evans for the School District by Esq Plummers 1772 5-0-0-0

To paid Wm Evans for the School District by Esq Plummers 1773 4-10-0-0

To paid John Cloutman for a highway 0-12-0-0

To paid Thos Plummer for a highway 2-8-0-0

150-13-4-2

To writing 3 deeds & expenses 0-6-6-0

To paid John Ham for a road pr bid of cost 4-0-0-0

To paid Mr Hall the remainder of his salary for 1772 50-16-1-0

To paid for making surveyors Lists & Counterpins 1-0-0-0

To paid Sam^d Turber for part of the Dock School District 1773 1-15-0-0

To paid Constable John Ute for Warming Town charges & jurors & Town Officers 1-10-0-0

To Drawbacks in Constable John Ute's list 5-8-4-2

To paid the clerk for drawing & Returning 20 Jurors at Dover & Durham & 8 jurors at Portsmouth 2-0-0-0

To paid the upper part of Salmon falls School District 1772 2-5-0-0

To making Rote lists and Counterpins 1-10-0-0

To paid Mr Hall his salary for the year 1773 80-0-0-0

To paid the lower part of the Wain Road School District for the year 1770 and 1771 and the year 1772 7-10-0-0

To paid for laying out a road from Place Brook so called to the ten rod road at Abner Dams and deeds and expenses 1-7-0-0

To selectmen's service 3-0-0-0

To taking the number of Inhabitants & making returns 1-10-0-0

To a list of orders and drawbacks in Constable Jonathon Hodgdon's Rote lists 5-2-11

To Jonathan Darn's rates taken of
in John Fenness lists 0-17-3-0
Outstanding in Constable John
Vute's hands 11-17-0-2
In Constable Diamond Pearl's
hands 26-2-4-2

Recorded by Josiah Wain, Town Clerk.

Province of (To the Freeholders and
New Hampshire) Inhabitants of the Town
of Rochester such as are legal voters in Town
Meetings.

You are hereby notified of a Public Town
Meeting to be held in the Meeting House
in said Rochester on Monday the twenty
eighth day of this instant March at ten
o'clock in the forenoon to act on the fol-
lowing particulars: 1st To choose Moderator of said Meeting
2nd To choose all Town Officers as the Law
Directs

3rd To vote how much work may be thought
proper to lay on a single head to repair
the highway

4th To vote what sum or sums of money
shall be raised for the support of the
school this present year.

5th To see if the town will hear the request
of a number of Petitioners from Middle
Town (so called) to lay out a road from
said Middle Town leading into the road

running to New Durham near Broad Street
Fringes

To see if the Town will hear the request
of a number of the inhabitants to see
if they will vote to exchange the road be-
tween Mr Moses Roberts lots for a road
running between his land & Mr Samuel
Fingates

To hear the request of Capt David Place
to see if the town will vote to pay him
for the timber he found to repair the
bridge over the brook between his house
and Mr Jonathan Hodgsons.

Also to act on any particulars the Town
may think proper when convened.
U.S. All concerned are desired to attend
at time and place.

Paul Lebby
Eben Fobbetts
Sam Loughton

Selectmen

Rochester 12th of March 1774.

At a legal town meeting held in the
meeting house in Rochester this 28th day
of March 1774 the following was transacted
Namely first
John Plummer Esq Chosen Moderator of
said meeting

2 Josiah Wain Chosen Town Clerk.

Lt John Mc Duffee
Eben Fobbetts
Paul Lebby

Chosen Selectmen

- 4 Thomas Cloutman } Chosen Constables
 Paul Jenness }
 5 Jabez Dam } Chosen Assessors.
 Moses Brown }
 6 Jonathan Dam } Chosen Commissioners
 John Cook }
 Barnabas Palmer
 Jonathan Loughton
 John Cloutman
 Ephraim Wentworth
 Eben Place Jr
 7 David French } Surveyors of the
 Capt Jonathan Ham } Highway
 Solomon Drown
 Ensmth Lehabod Corson
 Benjamin Dam
 Zebulon Dam
 Timothy Roberts Jr
 8 Richard Place } Tything men
 Joseph Dam }
 Lim Richardson
 Samuel Vute
 9 Noah Thompson } Field Drivers
 Murray Guild }
 William McKneel }
 Joseph Knight }
 10 Zebulon Dam } Fence Viewers
 John Place }
 11 Joseph Thompson } Hog Leeches.
 William Ellis Jun^r }

Barnabas Palmer Chosen to take an Inventory

And the meeting adjourned to the second day of May at two of the clock in the afternoon on sd day.

Met according to adjournment on sd day of May.

12 Thomas Cloutman is voted out from serving constable the present year.

13 Voted that Lt John Mc Duffe is chosen Constable this year he appearing in the meeting and making an offer to the town to procure a man to serve in his room.

14 Voted that John Vute is chosen Constable in the room of Lt John Mc Duffe he procuring sd Vute to serve to serve in his room as his turn

15 It was put to vote to see how much money the town will raise this year to hire schools and voted that the selectmen raise thirty five pounds lawful money and that the selectmen assess the Polls and Estates of the Inhabitants to defray the charges of the same

16 It was put to vote agreeable to the notation to see if the town will vote to lay out a road from Middleton so called leading into the road running to New Durham near Broad Street Tranches & Voted in the Negative

17 Voted that two shillings and six pence should be laid on a single poll to repair the highway this year.

18 It was put to vote to see if the town will exchange the road between Moses Roberts lots for a road running between his land and Samuel Kingate's leading to the wading place so called and voted in the affirmative.

The last article in the warrant not acted on & the meeting dissolved.

Recorded By Josiah Main, Town Clerk.

Province of New Hampshire } To the Freeholders and Inhabitants of the Town of Rochester such as are lawful Voters in Ministerial affairs. You are hereby notified of a Public Town Meeting to be holden in the Meeting House in said Rochester on Monday the 16th day of May next at two o'clock in the afternoon then and there to act on the following particulars.

1st To choose a moderator

2nd To see if the town will accept and comply with the result of Ecclesiastic Counsel lately convened in this town as read in this place on Thursday the 21st of this instant April or 3rdly In case of noncompliance with the said result in the whole to see what part or parts

they will comply with

3 To vote that the Selectmen to give Mr Hall their security for the compensation allowed him by the result of said counsel.

5 To see if the town will empower a committee to take care of the whole of the Parsonage lots in said town allowed by the grantors of the town of Rochester to prevent any encroachments thereon or to act on any other matter or articles they may think proper when convened. Given under our hands at Rochester this 30th day of April 1774

John McDuffee

Paul Leiby

Eben Tubbets

Selectmen

At a legal Town Meeting held in the Meeting House in Rochester on Monday the 16th of May 1774 the following business was transacted Namely first John Plumer Esq Chosen Moderator of said meeting

2 It was put to vote to see if the Town will vote to except and comply with the result of the Ecclesiastic Counsel lately convened and read in this place on Thursday the twenty first of this instant April and voted in the affirmative.

4 It was put to vote to see if the select-

men shall give Mr Hall their security for the compensation allowed him by the result of said counsel and voted in the affirmative

5 Voted that Capt. William Allen, Capt David Place & Mr Latham Leavey is chosen to take care of the Parsonage lots in this town and to prevent any incroachments thereon; & the meeting dissolved.

Province of { To the Freeholders and In
New Hampshire habitants of the town of
Rochester, Church & Congregation, qualified
to vote in public town meetings on Min-
isterial affairs In consequence of a petit-
ion preferred to us by a number of the
inhabitants of said town You are here-
by notified of a public town meeting
to be holden in the meeting house
in sd Rochester on Monday the eighth
day of August next at two of the clock
in the afternoon sd day then and there
when convened to consider and vote
the following particulars mentioned
in sd petition

1 To choose a Moderator to govern said meeting

2 To see if the Town will vote to call in some suitable candidate to supply the desk in said town according to the result of an Ecclesiastical Council

lately convened here
3 To see if the town will vote that Mr
Hall shall not go into the Desk as a
minister of this town any longer
4 To see if the town will choose a commit-
tee to hire a candidate to supply the Desk
in this town and also to empower said
committee in case Mr Hall should per-
sist in going into the desk to prosecute
him for the same and carry it on to
final judgment and execution

5 To see how much money the parish
will vote the Selectmen shall raise
in said parish for the support of the
gospel and other contingents charges al-
so to do any other things proper to be
done on said day and all concerned
are desired to attend at time and place

Rochester July 29th 1774.

John W. Duffee
Eben^r Tabbetts } Selectmen
Paul Libbey }

Province of { To John W. Duffee one of the
New Hampshire Constables of the Town
of Rochester --- Greeting ---
You are hereby required in his Majesties
Name forthwith to serve all the quali-
fied voters according to the foregoing
notification with the same and make
return of the same to us with your

doings thereon in six days fail not as
you will answer the contrary
Given under our hands and seal this
29th day of July 1774

John W^d Duffee
Eben^r Tebbetts } Selectmen
Paul Libbey }

At a meeting legally warned and held
in the Meeting House in Rochester the 8th
day of August 1774 the following was
transacted Viz:

- 1st John Plummer Esq Chosen Moderator
of sd meeting
- 2 It was put to vote according to the
notification to see if the town will vote
to call in some suitable candidate to
supply the desk in said town accord-
ing to the result of an Ecclesiastic Coun-
cil held in this place and voted in the
affirmative
- 3 It was put to vote agreeable to the no-
tification to see if the town will vote
that Mr Avery Hall shall not go into the
desk as a minister of this Town any longer
and voted that Mr Avery Hall shall
not go into the desk as a minister of
this town any longer.
- 4 It was put to vote to see if this town
will choose a committee to hire a can-
didate to supply the desk in sd town

and also to empower said committee
in case Mr Hall should persist in going
into the desk to prosecute him for the
same and carry it on to final judgment
and execution and voted in the affirmative
and also voted that Lt. John W^d Duffee,
Mr Eben^r Tebbetts, Mr Paul Libbey, Mr Jabez
Dann, Dea James Knowles, Capt William
Chamberlain & Capt David Place is cho-
sen a committee to carry on the above pur-
poses as mentioned

5 It was put to vote to see how much
money the parish will vote the Select-
men shall raise for the support of
the Gospel and other contingent charg-
es this present year and voted that
seventy pounds should be raised on
the polls and estates for the above
purposes and the meeting dissolved
Recorded By Josiah Wain, Town Clerk

Stratford { At a meeting of the inhabi-
tants of Rochester in the County of Strat-
ford in the Province of New Hampshire
held at the Meeting House in sd Rochester
on Monday the 8th of Aug^r 1774
We the subscribers freeholders & Inhabi-
tants of sd Rochester do hereby dissent
to and protest against all the proceed-
ings of this meeting relative to the
suing the Rev^d Mr Avery Hall for continue

ing to preach in said meeting house
as heretofore and against our paying
any part of the charge that may a-
rise to the town thereby and against
the call, settlement or payment of any
minister while in our opinion the
Mr Hall continues the settled minis-
ter of the town and while we are bound
to pay him our proportion of his salary
according to the contract made with
him by the town at his settlement
we therefore protest against all such pro-
ceedings as irregular and illegal and
pray that this our dissent & protest
may be entered on Record in the Town
Book among the proceedings of the meeting

Benjamin Forst	Henry Allard
Jonathan Ham	Abraham Pearl
Reuben Heard	Dan ^l Seavy
Dan ^l Kingate	Benj ^a Furber
Sam ^l Kingate	Dan ^l Page
Carnabas Palmer	Joshua Downing
Ethamer Seavey	Solentine Rollings
Echabod Corson	Sam ^l Downing
Moses Hayes	Sam ^l Seavey
Sam ^l Twombly	Broadstreet French
Isaac Lebbey	Simon French
Richard Wentworth	Joshua Knight
Richard Furber	Christopher Pottle
Stephen Berry	John Hamy
Sam ^l Drown	Ephraim Berry.

Wentworth Hayes
Timothy Roberts Jr^r
Ben^a Forst Jr^r
Daniel Garlin
Stephen Hartford
Mark Hartford
Stephen Hartford Jr^r
Joseph Walker
Ephraim Ham
Samuel Merrows
Ephraim Wentworth
Sam^l Plummer
Echabod Rollings
Robert Knight
Joseph Heard
Enoch Kingate
Ebenezer Place
James Coleman
Theodore Furber
John Hitherell
Joseph Knight
Jonathon Ellis
Echabod Corson Jr^r
Robert McCarty
Richard Walker
Elihu Wentworth
Nicholas Wentworth
Nath^l Watson
Josiah Durgin
Dan^l Hayes
Nath^l Watson Jr^r

David French
Thomas Ham
Eben^l Place Jr^r
George Place
Jonathan Palmer
John Burgin
Jonathan Richards
Reuben Wentworth
Josiah Wentworth
John Richards
Isaac Wentworth
Dan^l Kimball
Job Clements
Tristram Heard
Solomon Clerk Jr^r
Sam^l Kingate Jr^r
Moses Roberts
William Knight
Jacob Hanson
Samuel Merrows Jr^r
Benj^a Heard
Morris Ellis
Thomas Hitherell
Eben^l Wentworth Jr^r
Jonathan Twombly
James Wentworth
John Goodman
David Watson
Echabod Hayes
Joseph Berry
Moses Hayes Jr^r

Westhorn Sam^l Richards
 Josiah Karlin David Watson
 William Ellis Jr Sam^l Alley
 Ephraim Alley Charles Knight
 William Kingate
 Recorded by Josiah Main T. Clk.

Province of New Hampshire
 To the Freeholders and other inhabitants of the Town of Rochester You are hereby notified of a Publick Town Meeting to be holden in the Meeting House in said Rochester on Monday the 18th of this instant July at two of the clock in the afternoon
 1st To choose a Moderator to regulate sd meeting.

2 To see if the town will vote to empower one or more persons in the behalf of sd town as deputies to meet at Exeter the 21st day of this instant — at ten of the clock in the forenoon to join in the choice of delegates for y^e General Congress.

2 To see if the town will vote to send four pounds fifteen shillings, lawful money it being said towns proportion of the expense for the carrying on said Congress & all persons concerned are hereby desired to attend at time and place By order and in behalf of the Selectmen
 Or Josiah Main, Town Clerk.

Rochester July 13, 1774.

At a legal Town Meeting holden in the Meeting House in Rochester on Monday the 18th instant the following business was transacted. Namely first
 Mr Daniel Kingate was Chosen Moderator of sd Meeting

2 It was put to vote to see if this town will choose & empower one person as a deputy in behalf of y^e town to meet at Exeter the 21st day of this instant July to join in the choice of delegates for the General Congress and Voted that Dea^m James Knowles is chosen deputy in behalf of the town to meet at Exeter as aforementioned
 3 It was put to vote to see if the town will send four pounds fifteen shillings, lawful money it being sd towns proportion of the expense for carrying on sd Congress and Voted in the affirmative --- and Voted that the Selectmen assess the polls and Estates of the inhabitants for to defray the charges and the meeting dissolved.

Whereas the American Continental Congress have recommended another to be held at Philadelphia on the tenth day of May next the Provincial Committee conceiving it highly expedient and necessary to send delegates for this Province to the Congress proposed to be held then recommend it to the respective towns

in this government to appoint Deputies in their behalf to meet at Exeter on Wednesday the 25th day of January next for the choice of delegates to represent this Province at such intended Congress and also to empower such deputies when so met to choose a committee of their body to proportion the sum each town ought to pay toward sending such delegates - Nov. 30, 1774. By order of the committee

Thentworth, Chairman

Province of To the Freeholders and other New Hampshire Inhabitants of the Town of Rochester such as are lawful voters in Publick Town Meetings

You are hereby notified of a publick Town meeting to be holden in the meeting house in sd Rochester on Monday the 23rd of this instant January at 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

1 To choose a Moderator to govern sd meeting
2 To consider, act and vote on the above articles & particulars as the town may think proper when convened and all persons concerned are hereby notified to attend at time and place.

By order and in behalf of the Selectmen

Or Josiah Main, Town Clerk

Rochester January 14th 1775.

At a legal Town Meeting holden in the Meeting House in Rochester on Mon-

day the 23rd of this instant January 1774. The following was transacted Namely
1st John Plummer Esq. was chosen Moderator of sd meeting

2 Voted that Dea^m James Knowles & Mr Eben Tibbets is chosen deputies in behalf of this town to meet at Exeter on Wednesday to assist to represent this Province at such intended Congress. And the meeting dissolved.

Recorded by Josiah Main, Town Clerk.

Province of To the Freeholders and Inhabitants of the Town of Strafford & Rochester such as are legal voters in Town Meetings. Pursuant to a petition of a sufficient number of the inhabitants of said town. You are hereby notified of a Publick Town Meeting to be holden in the Meeting House in sd Rochester on Monday the seventeenth day of this instant October at 12 o'clock on said day then and there to act on the following particulars

First To choose a Moderator to regulate sd Meeting.

2 To see if the town will vote to refund so much back to the petitioners that may fall in the second parish or parishes when they shall build a meeting house as their part of taxes may be for building a Meeting House in the first parish.

3 To see if the town will vote the remote parts of the town shall have some preaching on Sunday where they may think most proper according to their proportion of taxes while they pay for the support of the Gospel in the first parish

4 To see if the town will vote to build a new meeting house in sd town if voted in the affirmative then

5 To vote how large & the dimensions said house shall be built

6 To consider and vote the manner and way said house shall be built where by a tax or by labour or both if by labour how much per day for the benefit of the inhabitants of said town.

7 To see if the town will vote to leave it to a committee and appoint said committee out of town for them to say where sd house shall be set to accommodate the first parish in sd town and the town to abide by their judgment and as it is likely some part of the old meeting house will be profitable towards building a new house.

8 To see if the town will vote that said old meeting house shall be taken down and so much of it as will do to be appropriated for the building of sd new house

9 To vote to choose a committee or committees to carry on the above votes either together

or or separate as the town may think proper when convened or to do any other business the town may think proper relative to building sd new house All persons are requested to give their attendance precisely at said time & place given under our hands at Rochester this 8th day of October 1774.

John Mc Duffee
Ebenezer Tabbetts } Selectmen.
Paul Libbey

At a legal Town Meeting holden in the meeting house in Rochester on Monday the 17th day of October 1774 the following business was transacted: viz:
John Plummer Esq^r was chosen Moderator of said meeting

2 It was put to vote agreeable to the foregoing notification to see if the town will vote to refund so much back to the petitioners that may fall in the second parish or parishes when they shall build a meeting house as their part of taxes may be for building a meeting house in the first parish and voted in the affirmative

3 It was put to vote agreeable to the foregoing notification to see if the town will vote the remote parts of the town shall have some preaching on Sundays where they may think most proper accord

ing to their proportion of taxes while they pay for the support of the Gospel in the first Parish and it was voted in the affirmative

4 It was put to vote to see if the town will vote to build a new Meeting House in sd town and voted in the affirmative

5 It was put to vote how large and the dimensions said house shall be built and Voted that it should be built of the same dimensions with that at Dover where the Rev^d Mr Jeremiah Belknap now doth preach.

6 It was put to vote to see whether sd house shall be built by a tax or by labour and Voted that it should be built by a tax and Voted that the Selectmen should raise one hundred and fifty pounds lawful money to carry on the said house and Voted that the Selectmen assess the Polls and Estates of the Inhabitants for payment of the same and that every man may have liberty of paying his proportion in labour at three shillings per day finding themselves and those that do not work on sd house to have liberty of paying their proportion species that shall be necessary towards accomplishing sd house and that the said species are to be taken at the Market Price.

7 It was put to vote agreeable to the fore-

going notification to see if the town will leave it to a committee and appoint said committee out of this town and for them to determine a place where said meeting house shall be erected so as to accommodate the first Parish in sd town and the town to abide by their judgment and it was unanimously voted in the affirmative

8 It was put to vote to see whether Esqr Chatburn of Berwick Doct Thompson of Durham and Capt Rogers of Berwick should be appointed a committee to perfix a place to erect a Meeting House so as to accommodate the first Parish & voted in the affirmative

9 It was put to vote agreeable to the notification to see if the old Meeting House should be taken down when sd new one is up and so much of it as will be profitable to be appropriated for the use of the building said new house & voted in the affirmative

10 Voted that Capt Am Allen, Mr Jabez Dam and Capt Jonathan Ham Lt John McDuffee & Mr Abner Dam is chosen a committee in behalf of the town to carry on the votes as heretofore mentioned and Voted that they have three shillings per day finding themselves and Voted that this committee procure the master workmen and agree with them for their wages what they shall have per day

11 Voted that John Plummer Esqr and

Mr Daniel Hingate is chosen to notify that committee which is appointed out of the town when to come and take a view of the situation of the town in order for building said house and the meeting dissolved.

Recorded October 9th 1774 Josiah Main, Clk

Recorded the within Meeting
By Josiah Main, Town Clerk.

Province of New Hampshire
To the freeholders and inhabitants of the town of Strafford S. S. Rochester such as are lawful voters to elect representatives in pursuance of a writ to the Selectmen of said town from the High Sheriff of said County
You are hereby notified of a publick town meeting to be holden in the meeting house in said Rochester on Monday the 20th day of Feb^r instant at ten of the clock in the afternoon then and there to act on the following particulars
First To choose a Moderator to regulate sd meeting.

2 To - If the town will vote to elect one suitable person qualified by law to represent said town in General Assembly to be convened and holden in Portsmouth on the 23rd day of February instant at ten o'clock in the forenoon.

and so de die in Diem during their session or sessions

To see if the town will vote to raise the sum of eight pounds, nine shillings and six pence lawful money being said town's proportion of the charges of the Continental Congress and cause the same to be paid by the Selectmen also to act on any particulars the town may think proper when convened

By order and in behalf of the Selectmen
Pr Josiah Main, Town Clerk

Rochester Feb^r 4, 1774.

At a legal Town Meeting holden in the Meeting House in Rochester on Monday the twentieth day of this instant Feb^r 1774 the following business was transacted.
Namely 1st John Plummer Esq^r Chosen Moderator of sd meeting.

2 Dea^r James Knowles is chosen pursuant to the Notification to represent the town of Rochester in the General Assembly to be convened at Portsmouth on the 23rd day of Feb^r instant at ten o'clock in the forenoon and so from time to time during the session of said house

3 Voted that the Selectmen shall raise eight pounds nine shillings and six pence lawful money it being sd town's proportion of the Continental Congress

and the Selectmen are to assess the polls and estates of the inhabitants for payment of the same.

And the meeting dissolved.

Recorded by Josiah Main, Town Clerk.

Province of New Hampshire
To the freeholders and inhabitants of the town of Rochester Strafford S. S. Such as by law are qualified to Vote in Publick Town Meetings of the Congregational Society - You are hereby notified of a Publick Town Meeting to be holden in the Meeting House in Rochester on Monday the fifth day of December next at twelve o'clock in said day then and there to act on the following particulars: 1st To choose a Moderator to regulate sd meeting 2 To see if the town will hear the request of a number of petitioners of the inhabitants of sd town to reconsider the whole of the votes past at a meeting held the seventeenth day of October last for building a new meeting house in sd town 3rd To see if this town will Vote that the whole proceedings of sd meeting shall be void and of no effect.

4 To see if this town will Vote that the sd votes concerning sd new meeting house should be struck out of the Town Records / Also to do any other matter this town shall think proper when convened. By order of the Selectmen

By Josiah Main, Town Clerk

Rochester November 26, 1774

P.S. To see if this Town will Vote to hire a grammar school any longer this season or not as the said school hath been kept three months already.

At a legal Town Meeting holden in the Meeting House in Rochester on Monday the fifth day of December, 1774 the following business was transacted: Namely: Viz:

Mr John Plumer Esq. Chosen Moderator of said Meeting

2 It was put to Vote to see if the town will reconsider the whole of the votes past at a meeting held the 17th day of October last for building a new meeting house in said town and it was Voted in the Negative

3 It was put to Vote to see if this town will Vote that the whole proceedings of sd meeting shall be void and of no effect and it was Voted in the Negative

4 It was put to Vote to see if the town will vote the said votes concerning the new meeting house should be struck out of the Town Records and Voted in the Negative.

5 It was put to Vote to see if the town will hire a grammar school any longer this season and Voted in the Negative -

& the meeting dissolved

Recorded by Josiah Main, Town Clerk.

As Per Acts for the County
Recd March 3^d 1775 of Mr Ebenezer Tibbets
Thirty seven pounds, sixteen shillings and
four pence, lawful money in full for Roch-
ester County tax the year past.

Thos W. Waldron, Treasurer

£37-16-4 Recorded by Josiah Main, Town Clerk.

Province of March 1775. Received of Ebenezer
New Hampshire Tibbets, eighteen pounds, fif-
teen shillings the Province Tax of Rochester
in the County of Strafford for the year 1774.

Or George Jaffrey, Treas^r.

£18-15-0 Recorded by Josiah Main, Town Clerk

The Town of Rochester Acts for the year 1774. Credit

In the Province and County

In Constable John Vute's hands last year £5-18-6¹/₄

In Constable Diamond Pearl's hands last year 13-1-2¹/₄

Paid in Constable John Vute's list - 1774 63-17-0

Paid in Constable Paul Jenness list for 1774 53-1-11

Recd of the Committee Messrs Hayes & Twombly 0-12-0

Recd of William Jenness for his Arrearages 0-11-2¹/₂

Recd of En^l Jas McDuffee of his Arrearages 0-1-6

136-16-4

The Town's acts in the Province & County 1774 Dr.

To a Balance Due to the Selectmen by

adjustment last year

1-12-2³/₄

Paid part of Salmon Falls School District for 1769 2-10-0

Paid Ditto for the year 1771

2-10-0

Drawbacks in Diamond Pearl's list for 1773 2-1-6¹/₄

Paid an Arrearage for the Dock School District for 1773 1-5-0

Paid the lower part of Salmon Falls District for 1772 2-10-0

Paid Ditto for the year 1773 2-5-0

Paid the Upper end of Main Road School for 1772 2-10-0

Paid the Main Road School District for 1773 4-10-0

Paid Barnabas Palmer for taking an Inventory 1-0-0

Paid the County Treasury for 1774 Pr Rect 37-16-4

Paid the Grammar School Master & Boarding 15-12-0

Paid Lt W^m Duffee for damage of the York

Road, running through his land 0-15-0

To making Rate lists and Counterpins 0-12-0

for the County and Province Taxes 1-4-0

To making Rate lists for the Highway Districts 0-12-0

To making Writing Tables for the school 18-15-0

Paid the Province Treasury for 1774 pr Rect 1-17-6

Paid the Upper end of Salmon Falls School District for 1774 4-16-0

Paid for the Support of the Continental Congress 1774 0-6-0

Paid Dea^m Knowles for his expenses at the

Provincial Congress in June

Paid the Deputies expenses at the Provin- 1-6-8

cial Congress at Exeter in Jan^y 7, 1775 0-12-0

Drawbacks in Constable Vute's list for 1773 0-12-0

Paid for Recording six deeds of highways 1-12-2

Drawbacks in Constable Vute's list for 1774 1-10-0

Paid Constable Vute for warning Town 1-10-9¹/₂

Officers and other services 1-4-0

Drawbacks on Constable Jenness list 1774 23-6-1³/₄

Paid the Selectmen for their services 136-16-4

In the Selectmen's hands in the Province list

The above is the true state and situation Debt

and Credit in the Province lists as settled this

27 day of March 1775 by us.

John McDuffee
Eben Tabbeth
Paul Libbey } Selectmen, time being.

We have cast the Counterpins and examined the Selectmens accounts within and find them right cast and the accounts well vouched as above

Jonathan Dame
John Cook } Commissioners.

The Parish Acts from last year Act 1774 Cr^t

In Constable John Dutis - last year	5-18-6
In Constable Diamond Pearl's hands last year	13-1-2
Raised in Constable Paul Jenness list	39-7-6
Recd of the Committee Messrs Hayes & Twombly	0-12-0
Recd of Wm Jenness Jun ^r his balance	0-4-2 $\frac{1}{2}$
Recd of En ^r McDuffee his balance	0-1-6

Parish Credit 105-16-9-2

The Parish Act Beginning from last years act, 1774

Drawbacks in Constable Diamond Pearl's list	2-1-6
Paid Mr Martain for preaching	2-12-0
Paid Stephen Wentworth the expense of a committee for appointing the place where the Meeting house should stand	0-19-7
Paid for making the Rotelists & Counterpins for the Parish taxes	0-12-0
To one stock lock put on the meeting house door	0-3-6
To Repairing the Meeting houses providing of stuff	0-11-3
To drawback in Constable Dutis list omitted last year	0-6-0
Drawbacks in Constable Dutis list for 1774	1-14-6
Drawbacks in Constable Jenness list for 1774	1-17-3 $\frac{1}{2}$
Paid the Selectmen for services	1-4-0
Parish Debt total	12-1-7-2

In the Selectmens Hands in Cash and Voted
of hand
\$ 93-15-2 $\frac{3}{4}$

The within is the true state and situation of the Parish as by Debt and Credit kept by us.

John McDuffee
Eben Tabbeth
Paul Libbey } Selectmen

Rochester 27 March, 1775

We have cast the counterpins & examined the Selectmens accounts and find them to be right cast and the accounts well vouched as within

Jonathan Dame
John Cook } Commissioners

Recorded by Josiah Wain, Town Clerk.

Province of New Hampshire) To the freeholders and inhabitants of the Town of Rochester such as are lawful Voters in Publick Town Meetings. -- You are hereby notified of a Publick Town Meeting to be holden in the Meeting House in said Rochester on Monday the twenty seventh day of this instant March at ten of the clock in the forenoon then and there to act on the following particulars 1st To choose a Moderator to regulate sd meeting 2nd To choose all the Town Officers as the Law directs 3rd To vote what sum or sums of money the town may think proper for the support of the Gospel this present year, 4th To vote how many days' work the town may think proper to be laid on a single poll for repairing the highways the present

year and how much to allow each man pr day
 5 To vote how much money the town may think proper for the support of a school this present year.

6 To hear the request of a number of petitioners to see if the town will vote to lay open the road leading from Dea^m Joseph Walker's by Mr Thos Drew's house to the road leading from Lt John McDuffee's to the Main Road by James Horn's.

7 To see if the town will vote to comply with the request Mr Hall has given in for asking a dismission of the town viz: to give him one year's salary and one hundred pounds lawful money also the use of the Parsonage House Barn and lot of land adjoining one year and further to exempt him and all his interest from paying any Publick taxes in town during his natural life In case of non-compliance with the above conditions then:

8 To see if the Town will vote to lock up the Meetinghouse against Mr Hall that he enter not as a minister.

9 To see if the town will choose a committee to take possession of the Meeting House and impower sd committee to debar Mr Hall from entering into sd meeting house as the minister of this town and to prosecute Mr Hall at law to final judgment and execution at the towns cost in case

the said Mr Hall shall go into sd meeting house to preach contrary to the votes of this town

10 To see if the town will impower said committee or choose some other committee to hire a candidate to supply the desk for said town. Also to do any matter this town shall think proper when convened.

Given under our hands at Rochester this 18th day of March 1775

John McDuffee
 Eben^m Tabbetts } Selectmen
 Paul Libbey

Province of New Hampshire } At a legal town meeting
 Strafford S.S. } holden in the meeting house
 in Rochester on Monday the
 27th of this instant March 1775 the following business was transacted. Namely: viz:
 1st John Plummer Esqr Chosen Moderator of said meeting

2 Josiah Ugin } Town Clerk

Lt John McDuffee }
 3 Jabez Dame } Selectmen
 Capt William Allen

4 En^m Ichabod Corson } Constables after which
 Aaron Ham } sd Corson by some agreement with John Vute procured him to serve as Constable in his room

5 The town voted in sd Vute to serve Constable in the room of said Corson as his turn

6 Barnabas Palmer } Assessors.
 Tim Blackwell

- 7 John Cook } Commissioners
Jonathan Dame }
Joseph Knight }
Timothy Roberts }
8 Richard Place } Tything men
Samuel Twombly }
Reuben Heard }
Ens^m Schabod Corson }
Barnabas Palmer }
Capt Jonathan Ham }
Richard Place }
9 Alexander Hodgdon Jrⁿ } Surveyors of
Capt David Place } the Highways
John Cloutman }
David French }
George Weader }
Abner Horn }
Abner Dame }
Wiley Gould }
Moses Hammett }
10 Jonathan Richards } Field Drivers
Noah Thompson }
Samuel Seavey }
George Willan }
11 Peter Horn } Fence Viewers
Zebulon Dame }
12 William Ellis Jrⁿ } Hog Reeths
Joseph Thompson }
13 Barnabas Palmer Chosen to take the
Inventory.
14 It was put, to Vote agreeable to the fore-

going Notification to see how much money the Selectmen shall raise for the support of the Gospel this present year and Voted that seventy five pounds lawful money should be raised for the support of the Gospel.

15 It was put to Vote to see how many days work shall be laid on a single poll the present year for repairing the highways and Voted that a single poll to work one day and to have two shillings and six pence per day finding themselves

16 It was put to Vote to see how much money shall be raised to support a school the present year and Voted that thirty pounds, lawful money should be raised for the support of a school

17 It was put to Vote to see if the town will cause a road to be laid open leading from Dea^m Joseph Walker's by Mr Thos Drew's house to the road leading from Lt John McDuffee's to the Main road by Mr James H. Horn's house and Voted in the Negative.

18 It was put to Vote to see if the town will comply with the request of Mr Hall for asking a dismission of the town viz To give him one year's salary and one hundred pounds lawful money also the use of the Parsonage House, Barn and lot of land adjoining one year and to exempt him and all his interest from paying any publick taxes in town during his natural life and Voted in the Negative.

19 It was put to vote to see if the town will lock up the meeting house doors against Mr Hall that he enter not in as a minister and it was voted in the affirmative.
 20 It was put to vote to see if the town will choose a committee to take possession of the meeting house and impower said committee to debar Mr Hall from entering into said meeting house as the minister of this town and to prosecute Mr Hall at law to final judgment and execution at the towns cost in case the sd Mr Hall should go into the meeting house to preach contrary to the votes of this town and voted in the affirmative.

21 Voted that Messrs Lt John McDuffee, Capt Wm Allen, Jabez Dame, Capt David Place, Henry Tebbetts, Paul Libbey, Eben Tebbetts or either two of the above said is chosen a committee to carry on said votes as above mentioned and to prosecute the same at law to final judgment and execution.

22 It was put to vote to see if the town will choose a committee to hire a candidate to supply the desk for a certain time and Voted that Messrs Dea James Knowles, Moses Brown, Eben Tebbetts is chosen a committee to hire a candidate to supply the desk. And the meeting adjourned to the tenth day of April at two o'clock in the afternoon. April 10th met and the following was

transacted Vamely
 23 Dea Joseph Walker, Eben Place exempted from paying their taxes as to their polls for the future.

24 Voted that John Jenness is chosen constable in the room of Aaron Ham he procuring said Jenness to serve in his room as his turn. And the meeting dissolved.

Recorded by Josiah Main Town Clerk.

Province of New Hampshire } To the freeholders and Inhabitants of the town of Rochester
 Strafford S.S. } such as are legal voters in Public Town Meetings. You are hereby notified of a Public Town Meeting to be holden in the Meeting house at Rochester on Monday the fifteenth of this instant May at four o'clock afternoon sd day to act on the following business viz.

1 To choose a Moderator to govern sd meeting
 2 To choose some suitable person or persons as a delegate or delegates of the other towns in sd Province in a Provincial Congress to be held at Exeter the 17th of this instant May to consult on measures necessary for our safety and as it is a day of trouble and distress it is desired that the serious and thinking party would attend this election.

John McDuffee } Selectmen
 Jabez Dame }

Rochester May 6th 1775.

Province of New Hampshire
 At a legal town meeting held in the meeting house
 Strafford S.S. in Rochester on Monday the
 15th of this instant May the following was
 transacted. Namely viz:

1 John Plumer Esq. was chosen Moderator
 of sd meeting.

2 Voted that Dea^m James Knowles, Lt John
 McDuffee is chosen delegates to join the
 delegates of the other towns in a provincial
 congress to be held at Exeter as mentioned
 in the foregoing notification.

And the meeting dissolved.

Recorded by Josiah Wain, Town Clerk.

Province of New Hampshire
 The freeholders and inhabi-
 tants of the town of Roches-
 Strafford S.S. ter such as are legal Voters
 in Town Meeting. You are hereby notified of
 a publick town meeting to be held in the
 Meeting house on Monday the 19th day of this
 instant June at four of the clock in the
 afternoon of sd day to consult and vote
 what is best to be done on the following
 particulars viz:

First To choose a Moderator for sd meeting
 2 As our committee of correspondance consists
 of but five and some of them otherways
 engaged to see if the town will add to said
 committee to make them up to nine, elev-
 en or thirteen as the town shall think
 proper as it is the desire of sd former committee

3 To see if the Town will vote to abide by
 what is recommended by the Provincial
 Congress that there shall be no movements
 of parties or bodies of men but by direction
 of sd committees of the respective towns &c.

4 To see if the town will vote that the Select-
 men shall omit raising the school money
 & likewise making the Rates for the highways
 that was voted at our last annual meeting
 as the prospect before us looks dark and
 gloomy - with regard to the "Drouth" famine
 and the wars.

5 As the time that our committee agreed
 with Mr Joseph Haven's almost expired & to pre-
 vent calling another meeting for that purpose
 soon: to see if the Town will vote the com-
 mittee to agree with him for a longer
 time if he incline to stay or to do any
 other business that may be done on sd
 day and all concerned are desired to attend
 Rochester, June 10th, 1775

By order of the Selectmen

Josiah Wain, Town Clerk.

At a legal Town Meeting held in the Meet-
 ing house in Rochester on Monday the 19th
 of this instant June 1775 the following
 business was transacted viz:

John Plumer Esq. Chosen Moderator of sd
 meeting

2 It was put to vote to see if the town
 will add to the former committee of core-

spondents according to the desire of sd committee and voted in the affirmative and voted that the committee shall consist of thirteen. Voted that

En^d Lehabod Corson

Capt William Allen

Capt Wm Chamberlain

Lt William W Duffee

Jabez Dame

Capt David Place

Lt John Brewster

En^d James W Duffee

Abner Dame

Is chosen a committee according to the foregoing notification

3 It was put to vote to see if the town will abide by what is recommended by the Provincial Congress that there shall be no movements of parties or bodies of men but by direction of sd committees of the respective towns and voted in the affirmative

4 It was put to vote to see if the Selectmen shall omit raising the school money & likewise making the rate for repairing the Highways which was voted at the annual town meeting & voted in the affirmative

5 It was put to vote to see if the committee shall agree with Mr Haven to supply the desk & voted to hire Mr Haven three months longer if he incline to stay

6 En^d Lehabod Corson, Daniel Wingate is chosen to join the other committee to agree

with Mr Haven as mentioned in the Notification; & the meeting dissolved.

Colony of New Hampshire
Strafford S.S.

To the freeholders and inhabitants of Rochester of the Congregational Society such as are Voters in Town Meetings.

You are hereby notified of a Publick Town Meeting to be held in the meeting house in said town on Monday the twenty fifth day of this instant Sept at two o'clock in the afternoon of sd day. -

First To choose a Moderator for said meeting
2 To see if the Congregation will join with the Church in the call and settlement of Mr Joseph Haven to the work of the Gospel Ministry in sd town and if voted in the affirmative then

3 To choose some suitable committee to acquaint Mr Haven with the votes of sd meeting & to hear his answer & make return as soon as they conveniently can and if Mr Haven should incline to settle in sd town then 4 To consult and vote on measures necessary for the further agreement settlement & support of Mr Haven in the Gospel Ministry in sd town & to choose a committee or committees for to prosecute the same &c. And as there is one of the Selectmen absent and likely to continue so. -

5 To see if the town will choose another in his room and as it is a matter of

great importance to be acted on it is desired that all concerned would attend

William Allen } Selectmen
Jaber Dame }

Rochester September 29th 1775.

At a legal Town Meeting held in Rochester in the Meeting House the twentyfifth of September 1775 the following articles were Voted first John Plummer Esq Chosen Moderator of said meeting

2 It was Put to Vote to see if the Congregation will join with the Church in the call and settlement of Mr Joseph Haven to the work of the Gospel Ministry in said town and Voted in the affirmative.

Voted that -

Daniel Wingate } is chosen a committee
Dea^m James Knowles } agreeable to the foregoing
En^m Richard Furber } Notification to acquaint
John Plummer Esq } Mr Haven with the Votes
Capt Wm Allen } of said meeting & to hear his
answer and make return as soon as conveniently they can.

4 Voted that Lt John Bruiester is chosen a selectman in the room of Lt John Mc Duffee who was chosen at our annual Town Meeting, he, the sd Mc Duffee, being called into the army And the Meeting dissolved to 16 day of October. October 4th 16 met according to adjournment & the following was transacted

5 It was put to Vote to see if the town will

give Mr Joseph Haven the sum of eighty pounds lawful money as his annual salary during his ministration in sd town together with the Ministerial House, Barn & lot of land as it now remains & Voted in the affirmative
Dea^m James Knowles } is chosen a committee
En^m Richard Furber } to treat with Mr Haven
John Plummer Esq } with regard to what
Capt William Allen } the town has Voted
Capt William Chamberlain } and to receive his
Barnabas Palmer } answer & to make
Joseph Pearl } return thereof at the
adjournment of this meeting.

7 Voted that Barnabas Palmer is chosen a Selectman in the room of Lt John Bruiester who declined serving as a selectman and the meeting adjourned to the 30th of October. Vot according to adjournment & the meeting dissolved.

Recorded by Josiah Wain, Town Clerk.

The settling a minister in a Town is a matter of such great importance that it requires the attention and assistance of every hearer of him or at least every one capacitated to act for or against him: the Town of Rochester is very backward in attending Town Meetings when business of importance is to be acted on & those that do attend very backward of acting their principles whereby great difficulty arises as hath been the case in the business before us; therefore by

the request of the last meeting on the adjournment this meeting is called and the Inhabitants - desired to attend and act their minds openly it is also Mr Haven's desire that none might stand as Venters but act for or against him that he may know what is his duty in the case or an answer he shall give.

Colony New Hampshire { All those of the Congregation - Society in the Town of Rochester Strafford SS are hereby notified of a Publick Town Meeting to be held in the Meeting House in Rochester on Monday the 20th day of this instant November at twelve o'clock in sd day then & there to act on the following business.

First To choose a Moderator for sd meeting
2 To see if the Congregation will join with the Church in the Call Settlement & Support of Mr Haven to the work of the Gospel Ministry in sd town and if voted in the affirmative, Then to empower old committees or choose new ones to prosecute the above business as the case shall require.

All concerned are desired to attend at time & place. Rochester, November 11, 1775.

Barnabas Palmer Selectmen
Jaber Dame

At a legal Town Meeting held in the Meeting House in Rochester on Monday the twentieth day of this instant Nov^r 1775 the fol-

lowing business was transacted: Namely: viz.
First John Plumer Esqr Chosen Moderator of sd meeting.

2 It was put to vote to see if the Congregation will join with the Church in the Call Settlement and Support of Mr Joseph Haven to the work of the Gospel Ministry in sd town & voted in the affirmative. Voted that -

Capt William Allen

Barnabas Palmer

Capt William Chamberlain

Ens Richard Furber

Joseph Pearl

John Plumer Esqr

Dea^m James Knowles

4 Voted that Mr Haven shall have the same salary and enjoy the same priviledges that Mr Avery Hall heretofore did enjoy.

5 Voted that the aforementioned persons is chosen a committee to prosecute the above business as the case shall require.

And the meeting adjourned to 25th of December December the 25th Met according to adjournment

6 Jaber Dame

Barnabas Palmer

Capt William Allen

is chosen a committee to procure the Materials for the ordination at the towns west where they think it best.

And the Meeting dissolved.

Recorded by Josiah Main, Town Clerk.
Mr Joseph Haven's Answer to the Town of Rochester

To the Church and Congregation of the
Town of Rochester

The Sovereign Ruler of the Universe governs all things & by his Providence orders them as shall be most for his Honour & glory. He often brings about things contrary to our Expectations and Even Wishes. But where he Calls to a thing there must be a cheerful compliance & ready resignation to his will nor must we refuse to go in the paths he has pointed out for us.

After great divisions and sore trials among you (the cause of which I hope none will now look abroad to find but to his own Heart) you have seen fit to give me an invitation to settle as a Gospel Minister in this Place & to take the care of this Church & People upon me which is a great undertaking and what of my self I am utterly unable to go through yet when I see that you are so well united (which is far beyond all expectation & to God alone it must be ascribed) with an humble reliance upon him I must think myself bound in duty to yield to your solicitations as being called thereto by the great Head of the Church & Bishop of souls. ---
The prayers of this Church & People I do earnestly request that I may be directed & prospered in so great and arduous an undertaking that I may be made a faithful Minister of Jesus Christ and a successful laborer

in this part of his Vineyard that I may be a means of winning many souls to him and that I may not fear the face of Man so as to leave any part of the business allotted me to do undone.

And that the great Head of the Church may continually bestow the best of Heaven's Blessings upon his flock in this Place and upon the whole town & that we may so walk as to meet together at last in the Regions above shall be the constant prayers of a hearty well Wisher to your souls.

Your sincere Friend & humble Servant

Joseph Haven

Rochester Nov 29, 1775.

7 It was put to Vote to see if the Town will accept of Mr Haven's answer to the Church and Congregation in sd town and Voted in the affirmative.

8 It was put to Vote to see if the Parsonage House shall be put and kept in good repair during Mr Haven's Ministration in sd town and Voted in the affirmative.

En^d Lehabod Orson entered his dissent against sd Votes. The Meeting dissolved.

The Town of Rochester's Debt for the year 1775 Credit
In the Selectmen's hands on settlement
of last year's accounts in Votes & Cash 117-0-4-1/2
Paid in Constable John Dutcher's Rate

list year 1775

Paid in Constable John Fenness's rate list year 1775 93-13-10
222-7-11-1/2

The Town of Rochester's Debt & how said money
has been appropriated for the year 1775

Bought for a Town Stock Two Barrels of Salt Pork 5-6-6
50 1/2 Hundred 2 1/4 of head Carrying Blankets
to Exeter for soldiers 1-10-0

Paid some Expenses to Stephen Wentworth's
"pg" house for inlisting men when
the Lexington Battle was fought 1-0-9 1/2

Paid for powder & flints for the men on
the Intelligence of the Regulars landing
at Kittery Point 1-1-2 1/2

Paid Esq Plumer for carrying a Petition to
Exeter 0-7-6

Paid for numbering the Inhabitants
by order of Congress 1-4-0

Paid for taking an Inventory 1-4-0

Paid Esq Plumer for going to Exeter last
April as a delegate 1-4-0

Paid Town Clerk for services for year 1774
Drawing Jurors 2-0-0

Paid Town Clerk for services for year 1775 0-10-0

Paid Constable Ute for Warning Town
Officers year 1775 0-6-0

Paid Esq Plumer for carrying a letter to
Moultonborough by agreement of committee
of safety on account of the Small Pox 0-12-0

Paid for making Ratelists & Counterpins for 1775 1-4-0

Paid Interest of money hired to purchase the
above Town Stock 0-15-9

Dea Walker's & Eben Place's Rates taken of
year 1774 0-12-0

Paid lower part of Salmon Falls School
District year 1774 1-17-6

Paid part of the School District where
En^r Moses Hayes lives 2-19-0

Drawbacks on Fennesses & Ute's
Ratelists for year 1775 3-1-2

Selectmen's services & other expenses
for the year 1775 1-10-0

Paid Mr Hall's salary from the settlement
to the 14th of June 1774 16-13-4

Paid Mr Hall in full of his compensation
for asking a Dismission 50-0-0

Paid the committee for going after Mr Haven 1-7-6 1/2

Expenses of Mr Haven's Ordination 12-10-4

Paid for repairing the meeting house 0-15-0

Paid Mr Joseph Haven in part for preach-
ing on approbation 21-16-4

Samuel Richards Rates taken off for year 1774 0-6-0

Paid the Interest of 39-1/8 of the above com-
pensation for twelve months & a half 2-8-6
145-13-5 1/2

Town's Credit of what is due to the town on
settlement

In Constable John Ute's hands 97-9-0

In Constable John Fenness hands 70-15-1

In Selectmen's hands in Cash & Notes 08-9-5

176-13-6

A true state of the Town's Debt and Credit
for the year 1775 as kept by us
William Allen } Selectmen of
Barnabas Palmer } Rochester
Laher Dams

The Counterparts cast the foregoing accounts
Examined and find them to be a fair &
true account delivered to the Town as exam-
ined by

John Cook } Commissioners

Recorded by Josiah Main, Town Clerk.

Colony of New Hampshire } To the Freeholders and Inhabi-
Stratford S.S. } tants of the Town of Rochester
such of them as are legal Voters
in Town Meetings. You are hereby notified
of a Publick Town Meeting to be holden in
the Meeting House on Monday the 25th day
of this instant March at ten of the clock
in the fore noon then and there to act
on the following business.

1st To choose a Moderator for sd meeting
2nd To choose all needful town officers for the
year ensuing.

3rd To vote what money shall be raised for
schools the year ensuing

4th To Consult and vote the method the
highways shall be repaired the present year

5th To vote how money shall be raised to be
laid out on the Ministerial House this present
year as it is needful that something should
be done to save the town's interest as well
as for the convenience of theirs that
live in it: or to do any other business
that the town shall think proper and
all concerned are desired to attend at time
& place &c.

William Allen } Selectmen
Barnabas Palmer }
Jabez Dame }

March 15 1776

Colony of New

Hampshire

Stratford S.S.

At a legal Town Meeting

held in the Meeting House in

Rochester this twenty fifth

of March 1776 the following votes were past

1st John Plummer Esq Chosen Moderator

of sd meeting.

2nd Josiah Main Chosen Town Clerk for y^e year

ensuing.

Jabez Dame

3rd Capt William Allen

Barnabas Palmer

4th Ephraim Ham

Chosen Selectmen for

y^e year ensuing

5th Lt Richard Place

Tobias Twombly

Chosen Assessors for

the year ensuing

6th Maj^r Eben^r Tabbett

John Cook

Samuel Twombly

Commissioners for

the year ensuing.

7th Josiah Main

Paul Jenness

Stephen Harford

Chosen Tithing men

for y^e year ensuing.

8th Wentworth Hayes

Ens^r Lehabod Olsen

Alexander Hodgdon Jun^r

Samuel Drown Jun^r

Lebulon Dame

Moses Jenness

Chosen Surveyors

for y^e year ensuing

- Eben Wentworth
Daniel Kimball
Joshua Knight
Capt Jonathan Ham
- Chosen Surveyors for
y^r year ensuing.
- 9 Peter Horn
Zebulon Dame
Mussey Gould
Edward Barney
- Chosen Fence Viewers
for the year ensuing
- 10 Zebulon Davis
Samuel Seavey
Ephraim Wentworth
William Ellis
- Chosen Field Drivers
for the year ensuing.
- 11 Moses Hammett
Joseph Thompson
Jonathan Ellis
- Chosen Hog Reeths for
the year ensuing
- 12 Barnabas Palmer chosen to take the Inven-
tory & the meeting adjourned to the 15th
day of April next.
- April 4th 15th met according to adjournment
& the following was transacted: Viz.
- 13 The Town Voted that John Ute is chosen
Constable to serve in the room of Capt
William Allen sd Allen procuring sd Ute
to serve in his room as his turn.
- 14 It was put to Vote to see if the Selectmen
shall raise any money to hire any schools
for the year ensuing and Voted in the
Negative
- 15 Voted that the highways & bridges as
mentioned in the foregoing notification
should be done by a rate & for every man

that works a day on said ways or bridges
to have two shillings & six pence per day
finding themselves their own provision
& materials to work with

16 Voted that five pounds lawful money
should be laid out on the Ministerial
house the year ensuing & that the sd
five pounds should be deducted of the
back money which is due to the Town

17 Voted that Maj^r Eben^r Tabbetts is chosen a
committee man to carry on sd work as
far as the money will allow.

And the meeting dissolved.

Recorded by Josiah Wain, Town Clerk.

The Town of Rochester's Acts year 1775 Pr Credit
In Selectmens hands on settlement
of last years accounts in Cash & Votes 8-9-5

In Constable John Fenness hands pr

Rate list year 1775 70-15-1

In Constable John Ute's hands pr

Rate list year 1775 97-9-0

Raised in Constable John Ute's Rate

list year 1776 133-15-6

Raised in Constable Ephraim Ham's 121-8-6

Rate list year 1776

Two Barrels of Salt Pork they bought
we disposed of

6-6-6

437-16-0

The way sd money is disposed of from
Paid the Treasurer of this State

Pr year 1775

75-0-0

Paid Ebenezer Barney & John Richards
 for taking two of Samuel Richards chil-
 dren turned on the town 14-19-0
 Paid Tristram Ford for supporting the
 widow Abigail Richards during her
 Laying In 2-5-0
 Paid for indentures to bind the two
 above children 8-6-0
 Paid the expenses of a Vendue in letting
 out the above children together with the
 Woman and writing 8-10-0
 Paid John Cook & Samuel Plummer in
 behalf of the Chestnut Hills a part of their
 School District pr year 1774 & 1775 3-0-0
 Paid Jonathan Darn what remains
 of their District for the year 1774 8-16-0
 Paid En^l Edward Tabbetts for boarding
 Mr Haven 12-12-0
 Paid Mr Haven for preaching before his
 settlement 14-3-8
 Paid Mr Haven his salary from the
 settlement to the last day of this instant
 1777 98-13-4
 Paid for taking an Inventory 1776 1-4-0
 Paid for making Ratelists & Counterpines 1-4-0
 Paid Mr Palmer appointed by the com-
 mittee for procuring the association
 act signed by the Inhabitants 1-4-0
 Drawbacks on Constable Vute's Ratelist
 year 1774 & 1775 8-18-0
 Drawbacks on Constable John Jenness

Ratelist pr year 1775 1-11-7
 En^l Ichabod Corson's Rates Discounted
 in favour of John Vute who served
 Constable in his room 1-8-6
 Aaron Ham's Rates discounted to John
 Jenness who did the same service for him 1-0-2
 Paid Constable Vute for warning Town
 Officers year 1776 0-6-0
 Paid the Town Clerk for drawing, warn-
 ing and returning seven Jurors at $\frac{1}{4}$ each 0-14-0
 For making highway Ratelists & District-
 ing Surveyors 1-4-0
 Paid Maj^r Eben^r Tabbetts for repairing the
 Parsonage House 6-10-4
 Drawbacks on Vute's & Ham's Ratelist
 year 1776 3-0-10
 Constable Ham's Rates Discounted
 pr year 1776 1-10-2
 The Selectmen's Services pr year 1776 1-15-2
 245-13-7
 There remains yet in Constables' &
 Selectmen's hands:
 On settlement in Constable John
 Jenness hands year 1775 18-15-10
 In Constable John Vute's hands
 pr year 1776 110-19-11 $\frac{1}{2}$
 In Constable Ephraim Ham's hands
 year 1776 21-9-3
 In the Selectmen's hands in
 Votes and Cash 40-17-4 $\frac{1}{2}$
 192-2-5

The foregoing is the true state of the Town's Debt and Credit for the year 1776 as kept by us:

William Allen
Barnabas Palmer } Selectmen of
Jabez Dame } Rochester

March 29th 1777. I have cast the counterpint & examined the foregoing accounts & find them well adjusted & is a fair & prompt account delivered by the Selectmen

Eben Tabbetts } Commissioner.

The above account examined by John Cook.
Recorded by Josiah Wain, Town Clerk.

State of New Hampshire. Exeter April 2nd 1777.
Received of James Knowles Esq^r seventy three pounds eight shillings & ten pence lawful money and also a certificate from the Selectmen of 13 enlisted soldiers their poll tax amounting thirty one shillings & two pence which sums are in full for the taxes of the town of Rochester to this state for the year 1775.

£73-8-10 Pr Wick^d Gilman, Treasurer.

1-11-2

75-0-0

Recorded by Josiah Wain, Town Clerk
Colony of New Hampshire } The Freeholders and Inhabitants of the Town of Rochester
Strafford S.S. } such as are legal voters in Town Meetings. You are hereby notified of a Publick Town Meeting to be holden in

the meeting house in sd Rochester on Monday the thirty first day of this instant March at ten o'clock in the forenoon there to act on the following business for the year ensuing.

1 To choose a Moderator for said meeting
2 To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing

3 To vote how much money shall be raised for school or schools the ensuing year
4 To vote the method the highways shall be repaired this present year & if by a tax to vote how much on the Poll.

5 To see if the town will vote in lieu of Mr Haven's preaching at the upper part of this town agreeable to a former vote that the Selectmen shall raise as much more money over & above Mr Haven's salary as their proportion is in the Ministerial list & let them hire preaching yearly for sd sum when they can agree & when it suits them best & when they have hired the Selectmen to pay for the same.

6 To vote for a county Treasurer & Recorder of deeds agreeable to a late act of the Council & Assembly of this State; and to do any other business that may be thought proper to be done on sd day & all concerned are desired to attend at time & place &c

Pr. William Allen
Barn Palmer
Jabez Dame

Selectmen of
Rochester

Rochester, March 12th 1777

At a legal Town Meeting held in the Meeting House in Rochester this 31st day of March 1777 the following business was transacted
Namely John Plummer Esq Chosen Moderator
2 Josiah Main Chosen Town Clerk for the present

year

3 Capt Wm Allen
Barnabas Palmer
Wm Eben^d Tabbetts

Chosen Selectmen for
the present year.

4 Reuben Heard Jr
John Cook

Chosen Constables for
the present year.

5 Ens James M^d Duffee
Wentworth Hayes

Chosen Commissioners

6 Alexander Hodgdon
Moses Brown

Chosen Assessors for the
present year

7 Ephraim Wentworth
Joseph Jones
Daniel Wingate
Elijah Barney
Richard Walker
Lehabod Cowen
Barnabas Palmer
Jonathan Ham

Chosen Tything men

8 Joseph Pearl
Moses Jenness
Abner Dam

Chosen Surveyors of
Highways.

Thomas Ham
Benjamin Copp
Samuel Plummer
Lebulon Davis

Chosen
Surveyors of Highways.

Mussey Gould
9 Stephen Harford
Samuel Seavey
Joseph Dame

Chosen Field Drivers

10 Lebulon Dame
Peter Horn

Fence Viewers

William Ellis
11 Joseph Thompson
Moses Hammett

Chosen Hog Reeths

12 It was put to Vote to see if the town will
raise any money for schools the present
year & Voted in the Negative

13 Voted the highway should be repaired
by a tax & that the single polls should work
one day on the sd ways & to be allowed two
shillings & six pence pr day.

14 Voted that Capt Thomas Waldron is chosen
County treasurer & recorder of deeds for this county
The fifth article mentioned in the notifica-
tion was Voted in the Negative.

And the meeting adjourned to the first Mon-
day in June.

Met according to adjournment and the
meeting dissolved.

State of New Hampshire
Whereas Constable Reuben Heard
which was chosen at our annual
Town Meeting refuse to take the Rate list ten-

dered to him to collect in consequence of which the freeholders & inhabitants of the Town of Rochester are hereby notified of a Publick Town Meeting to be holden in the Meeting House in sd Rochester on Monday the 23^d day of this instant February at two of the clock in afternoon - firstly to Choose a Moderator to regulate said meeting
2 To choose or hire a Constable or except & empower any person that Constable Heard may hire if he choose to hire one and to do any other business necessary when convened.

Given under our hands this 14th day of Feby. 1778. Barnabas Palmer } Selectmen
Ebenezer Tebbetts }

At a legal town meeting holden in the Meeting House in Rochester this 23^d day of Feby 1778 the following business was transacted.
First John Plummer Esq^r Chosen Moderator of sd meeting

2 It was put to Vote to see if the town will take Mr Heard's fine for not serving Constable the present year and Voted in the affirmative
3 Voted that Mr Zebulon Davis is chosen Constable in the room of sd Heard & the meeting dissolved.

Received of the Selectmen of Rochester the sum of thirty six pounds, £. Money which is in full for preaching in sd town before the acceptance of the call of sd town to the work of the Ministry in the same
Recd by me Joseph Haven

Received of the Selectmen of Rochester the sum of ninety eight pounds thirteen shillings & four pence £. M. which sum is in full of my salary from the time of settlement to the first day of April 1777.

Received by me, Joseph Haven.

Rochester 28th June, 1777.

Then we Run out and Bounded the Piece or Tract of Land given to the Town for a Burying Place for the use of the Town by the Proprietors of the same Beginning about twenty feet due east from the north east corner of the Meeting House at a stake and from thence ran south twenty degrees west nineteen rods then turned and ran north twenty degrees east nineteen rods then turned and ran north sixty six degrees west fourteen rods to the first Bound. Jon^s Dame Surveyor.

Barn^s Palmer } Selectmen of
Ebenezer Tebbetts } Rochester.

Recorded the above Josiah Wain, Town Clerk.
The Town's Acts for the year 1777 Dr.

To Cash paid as a Town Bounty for	
fourteen soldiers at thirty four pounds each	476-0-0
To Cash in part of Thos Chamberlains Bounty	28-0-0
To Cash in part of John Harland's Bounty	20-4-0
To Cash in part of Sam ^l Forre's Bounty	20-9-0
To Cash paid the State Treasurer for the year	
1776	70-7-6

To time & expense going to Exeter after money for the soldiers Bounty

1-4-0

Paid for Binding one of Saml Richardsons 0-6-0
 Paid two men for time and expenses to
 Exeter on Towns Business 1-4-0
 To Cash paid by the Selectmen for Bounty
 money 27-10-0
 To two Counterfeit Bills of money returned 4-0-0
 to Exeter on Recd. Paid Mr Haven one year's
 Salary up to the first of April 80-0-0
 Paid Constable John Cook for Warning
 Town Officers 1-4-0
 Paid Town Clerk for Drawing & Returning
 18 Jurors 1-16-0
 Paid a Vote of hand of William Palmer's
 against the town 84-0-0
 Paid the Interest of Sundry Notes against
 the town 2-17-6
 Paid a Vote of hand of Thos Chamberlains
 on Interest 6-0-0
 Paid John Plummer Esq a Vote on Interest 8-16-0
 Drawbacks in Constable Vute's Rate list for 1776 2-8-0
 To Capt Wm Allen's Rate Discounted in Constable
 Vute's list who did duty for the year 1776 1-14-0
 Paid for Binding one of Capt Berries children 6-0-0
 Paid for making the Rate lists & Counterpins 4-10-0
 Paid for making and taking an Inventory 6-0-0
 Paid the Selectmen for Sundry services and
 expenses doing business for the town 4-10-0
 Paid for eleven days work hiring money
 & paying soldiers 3-6-0
 The Remains in Constables hands & Notes 806-12-0
 And Cash in the Selectmens hands 1417-4-6
 2223-16-6

Town's Credit Cr.
 Remained in the Selectmens & Constables
 hands last year 18-15-10
 In Constable John Vute's hands for year 1776, 110-19-11½
 In Constable Ephraim Ham's hands for year 1776, 21-9-3
 In the Selectmens hands in Cash & Notes 40-17-4½
 Raised in Constable John Cook's Rate list for 1777 813-9-4
 Raised in Constable Zebulon Davis list 700-18-1
 for year 1777
 Received of John Plummer as a fine 0-40
 1706-13-10
 By Cash hired of sundry persons 517-2-8
 £2223-16-6

There Remains in Constables and Selectmens
hands on settlement

In Constable John Jenness hands	18-15-10
In Constable John Vute's hands	23-0-11 $\frac{1}{2}$
In Constable Ephraim Ham's hands	8-15-9
In Constable John Cook's hands	169-1-10
In Constable Zebulon Davis hands for 1777,	255-7-7
Votes & Cash in the Selectmens hands	992-2-6 $\frac{1}{2}$
	£1417-4-6

The foregoing is the true state of the Town's
account Debt & Credit for the year 1777 as kept
by us Barnabas Palmer
William Allen } Selectmen
Ebenezer Tebbetts }

Rochester 18th April 1778

Having examined the above acts we find
them well adjusted and is a fair honest
act delivered us by the Selectmen

Wentworth Hayes } Commission-
James Mc Duffie } ers

Rochester April 13th 1778

Recorded by Josiah Main, Town Clerk

Rochester 17 Feb 11, 1779.

Recd of the Selectmen of said town, eighty
pounds lawful Money being in full for one
year's salary and in full pay up to the
29th day of March next ensuing

Recd by me Joseph Haven.

£80-0-0

Recorded by Josiah Main, Town Clerk.

State of New Hampshire } To the Freeholders & Inhabitants of the town of Rochester
 You are hereby notified of a Publick Town Meeting to be held in the Meeting House in said Rochester on Monday the 30th day of this instant March at 10 o'clock in the forenoon then & there to act on the following particulars:

- 1 To choose a Moderator to regulate sd meeting
- 2 To choose all Town Officers as the law directs
- 3 To see what sum the town will vote for the support of a school
- 4 To choose a County Treasurer & a Recorder of Deeds agreeable to an act of said state
- 5 To see if the Town will hear the request of a number of Petitioners to exchange the 4 rod road that runs along the North westerly side of the lot of land originally granted to Henry Tabbetts in the second division of lots in sd Rochester for a road two rods wide through the middle of said lot
- 6 To see if the Town will hear the Request of a number of petitioners that served in the army 8 months at Ticonderoga at the Retreat and sustained a great damage to release them from a poll tax for the year past
- 7 To see if the town will hear the request of a number of petitioners to bring that money which was paid by individuals to hire soldiers to go to the northern army

in September last into a Publick Tax.
 Also any other Business for the towns good when convened. By order and in behalf of the Selectmen
 Rochester 21st March 1778

Josiah Main Town Clerk.

At a legal town meeting holden in Rochester in the meeting house this 30th day of March 1778 the following business was transacted. Namely: Mr John Cook Chosen Moderator of sd meeting

2 Josiah Main Chosen Town Clerk.

3 Richard Vutter } Chosen Constables for the
 Joseph Hayes } current year.

The Meeting adjourned to the 13th day of April April 13th Met according to adjournment & Richard Vutter & Joseph Hayes appeared in the Meeting and paid their fines for not serving Constables.

4 Voted that Paul Libbey is chosen Constable for the present year.

5 Sam^l Twombly } Chosen Assessors.
 Joseph Pearl }

6 Lt Richard Place } Chosen Commissioners
 Moses Brown }

Joseph Knight, Simon French }
 Samuel Wingate }

Reuben Heard Jr }

William Hodgdon }

Richard Walker }

Sam^l Plummer }

Moses Hammett }

Chosen
 Tything men

- Ens^m Ichabod Corson
 John Vute
 Lt Saml Vute
 Ephraim Kimball
 8 Zebulon Dame
 David French
 John Cloutman
 Moses Horn
 Capt David Place
 Jonathan Richards
 9 John Richardson
 William Ellis
 Joseph Bickford
 10 Jonathan Ellis
 Joseph Thompson
 11 Lt Richard Place
 Peter Horn
 13 It was put to Vote to see if the Selectmen
 shall raise money for schools this year &
 Voted in the Negative
 14 Voted that Capt Thos Waldron is chosen
 the County Treasurer and Recorder of Deeds.
 15 It was put to Vote to see if the Town will
 exchange the 4 rod road as mentioned
 in the foregoing Notification and Voted in
 the affirmative.
 The six and seventh articles as mentioned
 in the foregoing notification. Voted in
 the Negative.
 And the Meeting adjourned to the twenty
 seventh day in April.
- Chosen
 Surveyors of the
 Highways.
- Field Drivers.
- Hogsheads
- Fence Viewers

April 27, 1778 Met according to adjournment and the following was transacted namely:

16 Voted that William We neal is chosen Constable.

And the meeting adjourned to the first day in June.

June 1st Met according to adjournment Paul Libbey paid his fine for not serving Constable

17 Voted that Benjamin Heard is chosen Constable for the present year & the Meeting adjourned to the 6 day in July.

July the 6, 1778 Met according to adjournment and the following - transacted.

Namely:

Messrs Jabez Dame
 John Cook
 Eben^m Feltbetta

is chosen Selectmen for the current year.

Benjamin Heard appeared in the Meeting and paid his fine for not serving Constable

18 Voted that George Place is chosen Constable for the current year

19 Voted that James Adams is chosen Collector to gather the land tax he offering to gather sd tax for ten per cent

20 Voted that Benjamin Forst is chosen Surveyor of the highways.

The Meeting Dissolved.

State of New Hampshire } Whereas the Town of Rochester has been repeatedly called upon

to forward our quota of men to fill up the Continental Battalions for three years or during the War and as there seems to be an immediate occasion that something should be done in consequence of which - The Freeholders and Inhabitants of the Town of Rochester are hereby notified of a Publick Town Meeting to be held in the meeting house in said Rochester on Monday the 20th day of this instant April at ten of the clock in the forenoon to act on the following particulars.

1st To Choose a Moderator to govern sd meeting
 2nd To see what Bounty the town shall think proper to vote for the encouragement for them that will engage in sd service or to consult on any other method to procure said men as the town shall judge most proper when convened.

By order and in behalf of the Committee of Safety. Josiah Main, Town Clerk.

Rochester 16 April 1778.

At a legal Town Meeting holden in the Town of Rochester this 20th day of April 1778 the following business was transacted
 First Dea^m James Knowles Esq^r Chosen Moderator.

2nd It was put to vote to see if the Town will agree to enlist the soldiers as mentioned in the foregoing notification for the term of three years and Voted in the Negative.

3rd It was put to vote to see if the Town will agree to enlist the soldiers for the term of 9 months & voted in the affirmative
 4th Voted that every soldier that shall enlist in the Continental Service for the term of 9 months for the Town of Rochester shall have one hundred dollars paid him by said town as a Bounty & Voted that Capt^m Wm McDuffee & Lt Eben^r Ricker is chosen a committee to enlist the aforesaid soldiers & to draw the money out of the Selectmen's hands which was raised the year past to pay sd soldiers their Bounty & that the said committee are to bring a report of their proceedings at the adjournment of this meeting.

And the meeting adjourned to the 27th day of May next.

May 27 met according to adjournment & the committee appeared in the meeting and reported that they have enlisted one man and have further encouragement of enlisting a number shortly - and Voted that this committee have discretionary power to procure the aforementioned soldiers as soon as may be conveniently done. And the Meeting dissolved.

State of New Hampshire } To the Freeholders and Inhabitants of the town of Rochester such as are legal Voters in Publick Town Meetings. - In pursuance of a Petition

of a large number of the Inhabitants of said town setting forth that there is an uneasiness prevails in said town concerning the method of raising men for the defence of the United States requesting a meeting should be called for that purpose Agreeable thereto you are hereby notified of a Publick Town Meeting to be held in the Meeting House in said Rochester on Monday the 13th instant at one o'clock in the afternoon then and there to act on the following business.

First To choose a Moderator to regulate sd meeting
2 To see if the town will vote to abate the poll tax for the year 1777 of Capt John Brewster & that number that was with him from sd town at the retreat at the Northern Army.

3 To see if the Town will vote to give each soldier that served in the Militia in the Campaign last fall such a sum as shall be proper including what each soldier received of individuals and the town to refund the money back to those that paid it and the money to be raised on the polls and estates by the Selectmen

4 To see if the Town will choose a committee to hire soldiers when called for and to apply to the Selectmen for the money who shall be empowered to raise the same on the polls and estates in said town

Also to do any other business necessary when convened.

Given under our hands at Rochester this 11th day of July 1778.

Jabez Dame } Selectmen.
Ben^r Tebbetts }

At a legal Town Meeting holden in the Meeting House in Rochester this 13th day of July 1778 the following business was transacted namely John Plummer Esq^r, Chosen Moderator of said meeting.

2 It was put to vote to see if the town will abate the poll tax for the year 1777 of Capt John Brewster and that number of soldiers that was with him from this town at the retreat at the Northern Army & Voted in the affirmative

3 It was put to vote to see if the poll tax should be taken of from those soldiers who served with Capt David Place in the Campaign at the Northward Army who dwelt in this town & voted in the affirmative.

4 It was put to vote to see if the town will give each soldier that served in the Militia in the Campaign last fall thirty dollars including what each soldier received of individuals and the Town to refund the money back to those that paid it and the money to be raised on the polls & estates by the Selectmen and

Voted in the affirmative

5 It was put to vote to see if the town will choose a committee to hire soldiers when called for & that this committee apply to the Selectmen for money who shall be empowered to raise the same on the polls & estates in sd town &

Voted in the affirmative

6 Voted that Capt John Brewster & En^d Lehabod Corson is chosen a committee in behalf of the town for the above mentioned purpose: & the meeting dissolved
State of New Hampshire } Agreeable to a warrant from the authority of said state directed to the Selectmen of Rochester requiring them to call a meeting of sd town to choose one man for to represent them in General Assembly likewise to vote for two men in said County for Counsellors for the year ensuing.

In compliance of the above warrant the freeholders and inhabitants of sd town are hereby notified of a Publick Town Meeting to be held in the Meeting House in sd town on Monday the 14th day of December next at one o'clock in the afternoon on sd day then & there to act on the following particulars.

First to choose a Moderator to regulate sd meeting
2nd To choose one suitable man to represent said town in general assembly for the year ensuing

3 To vote for two suitable men living in said

County to serve as members of the Council for the year ensuing

4 Also to see if the Town will reconsider the vote of choosing Mr James Adams as a collector of the land tax for this present year or the 18th percent the Town voted him for that service as the General Court had made provision for a Collector separate from the Town which the town knew not or had no knowledge of at the former Meeting - for sd town to proceed and choose a collector at as reasonable terms as may be done also to do any other business for the town's good when convened. Given under our hands at Rochester this 27 day of November 1778.

Jabez Danne

Ebenezer Tabbetts

Selectmen.

State of New Hampshire } At a legal Town Meeting held in Rochester in the Meeting House this 14th day of December 1778 the following business was transacted namely:
Mr Jabez Danne Chosen Moderator of sd meeting
2 James Knowles Esq^r chosen to represent the town of Rochester in General Assembly the present year.

3 James Adams voted out from serving as Collector for this present year.

4 Voted that Barnabas Palmer is chosen to collect the land tax the current year.

& the Meeting Dissolved.

Recorded by Josiah Main, Town Clerk.

State of New Hampshire. Exeter, February 28, 1779.
Received of the Selectmen of Rochester by the
hand of Eben^r Tabbetts Esq^r, twelve pounds
five shillings and one penny which with
seven hundred and three pounds five shil-
lings and nine pence Recd of Deacon Knowles
before is in full of the State tax of sd town
for the year 1777.

By Nicholas Gilman, Treasurer.

£12-5-1

State of New Hampshire. Exeter, February 23, 1779.
Received of the Selectmen of Rochester, twelve
hundred and twenty nine pounds, nine
shillings four pence, lawful money being
in part payment of the State tax of sd town
for the year 1778.

By Nick Gilman, Treas^r.

£1229-9-4

Recorded the above by Josiah Main, Town Clerk
State of New Hampshire. Exeter, February 25, 1779.
Received of the Selectmen of Rochester by
the hand of Maj^r Tabbetts two hundred and
one pounds twelve shillings and four pence
which is full for the balance due on the
State tax of said town for the year 1778.

£201-12-4

By Nick Gilman Treasurer

Rochester, 27th March 1778.

Then Recd of the Selectmen of Rochester
eighty pounds lawful money, being in full
for one year's salary. Recd by me

Joseph Haven
Recorded by Josiah Main, Town Clerk

State of New Hampshire } To the Freeholders and inhabi-
tants of the Town of Rochester
You are hereby notified of a Publick Town
Meeting to be holden in the Meeting House
in sd Rochester on Monday the 9th day of
February next at one of the clock in the
afternoon in sd day to act on the following
particulars.

1st To choose a Moderator to regulate sd Meeting
2nd To agree with & empower some suitable per-
son for a Collector to collect a land tax
agreeable to an act of the General Court of
said State if the town think proper to
have said tax collected when convened.

3rd To instruct our Representative at the next
Sessions to appoint & call a full and free rep-
resentation of all the people in this State
to meet in Convention at such time & place
as shall be appointed by the General Assem-
bly for the sole purpose of framing and
laying a permanent plan or system for the
future government of this State - and act on
any business the town may think proper
when convened. By order and in behalf of
the Selectmen.

Josiah Main, Town Clerk.

Rochester, 31 day of Jan^y 1778.

At a Legal Town Meeting holden in Roches-
ter in the Meeting house this 9th day of
Feb^r 1778 John Plummer Esq^r Chosen Modera-
tor of said meeting

2 voted that Barnabas Palmer is Chosen collector to collect a land tax as mentioned in the Notification and the meeting dissolved. Recorded by Josiah Main, Town Clerk
Rochester 16th July 1779.

Then by request we Run out a Piece of a Road on Blind Hills Neck in this town Beginning at the end of the Road Run from the Singlass Bridge lengthways of said Neck by the Committee from the Quarter Sessions about six rods North West of Peter Coffin's house Running in the center of said road south 35 degrees East 18 rods then South 10 degrees West to Dover line into the Road leading to Cohees Run out by us.

John Plummer
Jabez Dame
Richard Place } Selectmen

Recorded by Josiah Main, Town Clerk

The Town's Account for the Year 1778. Dr.

Returned in the Selectmen's hands in Cash and Votes of hand from the last years accts 992-2-6½

Received of Barnabas Palmer for the land tax for 1777. 57-11-0

Received of Constable John Jenness 18-15-10

Received of Constable Ephraim Ham 8-15-9

Received of John Plummer Esq for fines 0-12-0

Received of Rev Joseph Haven for trespassing on the Parsonage lot of land 2-2-

Raised in Constable George Place's Rate list for 1778 1121-18-8

Raised in Constable Wm McKeale

Rate list for the year 1778 999-13-5

In Constable Zebulon Davis hands 205-7-7

In Constable John Vute's hands 23-0-1½

In Constable John Cook's hands 169-1-10

£3599-1-7

The way said money is laid out & what remains

To paid the State Treasury for the year 1777, 115-10-10

To Cash paid 6 soldiers as a Bounty for six months service at Rhode Island. 204-0-0

To Cash paid a Committee for engaging

said men 3-6-0

To Cash paid for Interest money 8-16-0

To Drawbacks in Constable Cook's list

after the settlement 10-15-6

To Counterfeit money in Constable

Davis list given up by a vote of the town 6-

To Cash paid 30 Bounties for soldiers going to the Northern army with Capt Daniel

McDuffee at nine pounds each 270-0-0

To paid twelve men their poll tax

given up by a vote of the town which was with Capt John Brewster at the North-

ern Army in the year 1777. 23-14-8

1234-2-4

1778 Town's Credit Cr.
 Sum brought up from page 421 £ 1234-2-4
 To making the Rate list & Counterpins 12 - -
 To making the Surveyor's Districts & Lists 12 - -
 To Paid Capt Jonathan Ham for a note
 of hand on Interest 66-0-0
 Paid Zebulon Davis for a note of hand
 on Interest 11-3-0
 Paid James Knowles Esq^r time & expense
 at Concord 2-11-9
 Paid for taking an Inventory 5-8-
 Paid David Barney for keeping Jos Rollings
 16 days 10-10-0
 Paid Abner Dame in part for keeping
 Jos Rollings one year according to an
 agreement 15-0-0
 Drawbacks in Constable John Jenness
 Rate list -11-10
 Paid for repairing the Parsonage Barn 17-11-0
 Paid the State tax for the year 1778
 Pr Rect 1431-1-8
 Paid Rev^d Joseph Haven his salary up
 to the last day of March year 1779 Pr Rect 80-0-0
 Paid Capt Brewster for taking one of Capt
 Eph^m Berries children 9-0-0
 Paid John Vute for taking one of Capt
 Eph^m Berries children for one year 16-16-0
 Paid for the expenses and writing at
 the Vendue of said children 3-0-0
 Paid the Clerk for drawing & warning jurors 9-0-0
 Paid for keeping Joseph Rollings one night

and the expenses of sending of him 4-10-0
 Paid for running a highway from
 Sam^l Loughton's to Frenches Road as called 6-0-0
 Paid for making the list for the land
 tax 9-0-0
 To Drawbacks in Constable Davis &
 Paul Jenness list 2-5-0
 To Drawbacks in Constable George Place's
 list 26-19-11
 Paid for hawling a load of wood for
 Daniel Watson 4-16-
 To the Selectmen going to Exeter for
 settling the town's acts & paying the
 Treasurer 15--
 £ 3014-16-6
 Recd of Constable Davis for fines 1-10
 To writing Indentures for binding
 a child to Capt John Brewster 1-4-
 Paid the Selectmen their services
 through the year 14-10-
 Paid John Vute for clothing one Town
 charge 17--
 3047-10-6
 Balance brought up 551-11-1
 3599-1-7
 Remains in Constables & Selectmens
 hands on settlement in Constable
 Davis hands 24-2-2
 In Constable George Place's hands 57-10-
 In Wm^l Ueal's Rate list on Balance
 of 1778 263-15-5
 3115-7-7

Brought over from Page 423 845-7-7
Cash and Notes in the Selectmens
hands 206-3-6

£551-11-1

The foregoing is the true state of the Town's
acts Debt & Credit for the year 1778 as kept
by us. John Cook

Jabez Dame } Selectmen of Rochester
Eben^r Tebbetts } for 1778.

Having examined the above acts we find
them well adjusted and is a fair honest
act delivered us by the Selectmen

Moses Brown } Commissioners
Richard Place } for 1778.

Rochester 27th March 1779.

Recorded by Josiah Main, Town Clerk.

State of New Hampshire } To the freeholders & inhabitants
of the Town of Rochester such
Strafford & S. as are legal Voters in Town

Meeting. . . You are hereby notified of a
Publick Town Meeting to be holden in the
meeting house in said town on Monday
the twenty ninth day of this instant March
at ten o'clock in the forenoon then & there
to transact the following business.

1- To choose a moderator to govern sd meeting
2- To choose all Town Officers necessary for
the current year

3 To vote what money shall be raised for
repairing the highways the present year.

4 To vote what money shall be raised for

schools the present year.

5 To see if the town will change the ten
rod road from the lower side of Mr Gershom
Downs to the upper side of Mr Moses Roberts
land for a road through the range of lots
from Mr Gershom Downs house up by Mr
John Randall's and so on to the upper cor-
ner of said Roberts land &c which is request-
ed by a number of petitioners representing
the great advantage that will accrue by
the change by the suitableness of the ground
for a road

6 By the request of a number of petitioners
to see if the town will vote that the Meet-
ing House that was voted to be built some
years past (& has been neglected by reason
of the War amongst us) should be built
this present year or so far carried on as to
save the timber already got.

7 Also by the request to see if the Town will
vote that the School Right of land through-
out this town or any part thereof should
be sold at Publick Vendue & the money
put out to use & the interest thereof to be
yearly appropriated for schools. . .

And also to do any other business that
shall be legal and necessary on sd day
Given under our hands at Rochester
This 19th day of March, 1779

Jabez Dame } Selectmen
Eben^r Tebbetts }

State of New Hampshire | At a legal Town Meeting held in the meeting house in Rochester this twenty ninth day of March 1779 of the freeholders qualified by law to vote in Publick Town Meetings the following was transacted Namely:

John Plummer Esq^r Chosen Moderator of meeting
2 Josiah Wain Chosen Town Clerk.

John Plummer Esq^r
3 Ebenezer Dame
Lt Richard Place } Selectmen for the year ensuing.

Lchabod Hayes
4 Joseph Hayes } Chosen Constables for the year ensuing
Capt John Brewster

Capt John Brewster paid his fine for not serving Constable.

5 Capt Wm McDuffee } Chosen Assessors for the year ensuing
Ens^r Lchabod Corien

6 Wentworth Hayes } Chosen Commissioners for the year ensuing
Jacob Hanson
Ens^r John Burgin

Joseph Tebbetts
7 Moses Hammett } Chosen Tything men for the year ensuing
Paul Libbey
Simuel Rickford

Ephraim Wentworth
Richard Walker

Benjamin Hayes
8 Capt Jonathan Ham } Chosen Surveyors of the year ensuing
Capt David Place
Thos Ham

Ephraim Kimball
Benjamin Coppers
Moses Roberts } Chosen Surveyors for the year ensuing
Daniel Kimball
James Adams

Mussey Gould
Edward Gollings
9 Zebulon Davis } Chosen Field Drivers for the year ensuing
Sam^l Leavey
John Richardson
Peter Horn

10 Jonathan Haighton } Chosen Fence Drivers for the year ensuing
John Place

11 Joseph Thompson } Chosen Hogreeths for the year ensuing
Wm Ellis

12 Voted that a single poll shall work one day for repairing the highways.

13 Voted that eight dollars shall be laid on a single poll for repairing the highways & bridges the present year.

14 Voted that one thousand dollars should be raised for schools for the present year
The fifth article mentioned in the notification not acted on.

15 Voted to put up a frame for a meeting house this present year and the meeting adjourned to the 12th day of April.

April the 12 met according to adjournment
16 Joseph Hayes voted out from serving Constable the present year.

17 Voted that Joseph Joles is chosen Constable

the present year and the Meeting adjourned to the nineteenth day in April.

April the nineteenth met according to adjournment

17 Voted that Barnabas Palmer is chosen to collect the land tax

18 Voted that Barnabas Palmer is chosen a surveyor to lay out the money that was raised for the highways upon the non-improved land and the meeting adjourned to the 27 day of April.

State of New Hampshire In pursuance of a requisition from the Honourable Continental & the Authority of this State that each Town should furnish with their full quota of men for the Continental Army during the War in consequence of which the freeholders and inhabitants of the town of Rochester are hereby notified of a Publick Town Meeting to be holden in the Meeting House in sd Rochester on Monday the 10th day of this instant May at two of the clock in the afternoon then and there to act on the following particulars.

First To choose a Moderator to govern sd meeting
Second To see if the town will vote to choose a committee to engage eleven men which is our proportion of 600 to be raised in this State during the War to fill up the three Battalions.

Also for the Selectmen to furnish said

committee with money to hire said men on the Town's charge (viz) what is requested by the Committee of this State which is to be repaid us again and to transact any other business proper to be done when convened By order & in behalf of the Selectmen
Josiah Main, Town Clerk.

Rochester May 1st 1779.

At a legal Town Meeting holden in the Meeting House in Rochester this 10th day of May 1779 the following business was transacted
Namely James Knowles Esq chosen Moderator of sd meeting.

2 It was put to vote to see if the town will appoint a committee to enlist the soldiers as mentioned in the foregoing notification and voted in the affirmative.

3 Voted that En^{rs} Lehabod Corser, Capt Wm W Duffee is chosen a committee to procure the soldiers on the town's behalf

4 Voted that the Selectmen are to furnish the aforesaid committee with money on the town's cost to procure the soldiers as mentioned in the foregoing notification And the meeting dissolved.

Recorded by Josiah Main, Town Clerk.
State of New Hampshire To the freeholders and inhabitants of the Town of Rochester such as are voters in Town Meetings are hereby notified of a Publick Town Meeting to be holden in the meeting house in

Rochester on Monday the 13th day of September next at two of the clock in the afternoon on sd day then & there to act on the following business.

First To choose a Moderator to regulate said meeting.

Secondly To take the plan of government which is transmitted to us by the Convention at Concord the 5th of June last under consideration & see if the town will vote to receive said plan or how many shall vote against it that a return may be made accordingly.

Third To see if the town will vote to choose some suitable person or persons to meet at Concord the 22nd day of September next then & there with the Delegates from other towns in this State to agree on some general regulation of prices throughout this State.

4 To see if the Town will vote to hire a Collector to collect a second tax that is made this present year or otherwise the Selectmen must be under the necessity of obliging the Constables for this present year to take said lists and collect said tax however unreasonable they may think it to be.

Any other business or method that is legal relative to the above may be done on sd day given under our hands at Rochester this 23rd day of August 1779.

John Plummer } Selectmen
Jabez Dame }

At a legal Town Meeting held in the Meeting House in Rochester this 13th day of September 1779 the following business was transacted namely Ol John W Duffee Chosen Moderator of sd meeting.

2 It was put to vote to see if the Town will receive the plan of government as mentioned in the Notification and voted in the Negative & but one voted to receive it.

3 To see if the town will choose a Collector to collect a second tax as mentioned in the notification and voted that the Selectmen to hire a Collector on as reasonable terms as may be done on the Towns cost to collect said tax.

Recorded by Josiah Wain, Town Clerk.

& the Meeting Dissolved.

State New Hampshire } The freeholders & inhabitants of the Town of Rochester such as Strafford &c are legal Voters in Town Meetings You are hereby notified of a Publick Town Meeting to be holden in the Meeting House in sd Rochester on Tuesday the seventh day of December next at twelve o'clock on said day then & there to act on the following business - First to choose a Moderator for said meeting.

2 To choose one person to represent sd town in General Assembly to be held at Exeter on the third Wednesday in December next and so on for the term of one year.

from their first meeting to transact such business as they may judge convenient for the publick good.

§ To vote for two suitable persons as the law directs within said County to serve as members of the council for the year ensuing And all persons concerned are desired to give their attendance at time & place given under our hands at Rochester this 20th day of November 1779.

U.B. There being an inventory called for to be taken in the month of December to see if the town at the above meeting will choose some suitable person or persons to take said inventory according to direction. Given under our hands at Rochester this 20th day of November 1779.

John Plumer
Jabez Dame
Richard Place } Selectmen

At a legal Town Meeting holden in Rochester in the Meeting House this seventh day of December 1779 the following was transacted. First James Knowles Esq^r Chosen Moderator of said meeting.

2 James Knowles Esq^r chosen to represent said town in the General Assembly to be held at Exeter on the third Wednesday in December next.

4 Voted that the Selectmen agree with and hire some suitable person to take sd

inventory at the towns cost & the meeting dissolved.

Recorded by Josiah Wain Town Clerk.

State of New Hampshire }
Stratford N.H. } To the freeholders and inhabitants of the town of Rochester such as are legal voters in Town Meetings. You are hereby notified of a Publick Town Meeting to be holden in the Meeting house in said Rochester on Monday the 2^d instant of July at 12 o'clock on sd day to act on the following particulars.

First To choose a Moderator to regulate sd meeting
2^d To see if the town will choose a committee to assist with the militia officers in inlisting soldiers that is requested from this town to go to the State of Rhode Island for six months and also for inlisting soldiers to fill up our Quota of Continental soldiers for twelve months. Said committee with the officers to engage said soldiers on as reasonable terms as possible either in town or out of town either for money or the produce of the Country and the Selectmen to tax the polls & rates of the inhabitants to raise money for the payment of the same.

3^d To hear a letter from the Selectmen of Portsmouth to the Selectmen of Rochester for reducing the prices of the necessaries of life and for the supporting the credit of our currency and see if the town will vote to adopt measures similar to those agreed to by the

Town of Portsmouth and choose a committee or committees for said business.

Given under our hands at Rochester this 9th day of July 1779.

John Plummer /
 Jaber Dame } Selectmen
 Richard Place

At a legal Town Meeting holden in Rochester this 12 day of July 1779 the following business was transacted: Namely: Capt William Chamberlain chosen Moderator of said meeting.

2 Voted that En^s Ichabod Corson, En^s David Haighton, Lt Ben^r Ricker are chosen a committee to assist the Militia officers to procure said soldiers & voted that this committee have discretionary power to enlist said soldiers at as reasonable terms as they may be had and Voted that the Selectmen assess the polls and estates of the inhabitants for payment of the same &

3 Voted to adopt measures similar to those agreed to by the Town of Portsmouth as mentioned in the notification and to choose a committee for sd purpose. And the meeting adjourned to the 19 day in July.

July the 19th Met according to adjournment and the following was transacted

Ebenezer Fobbetts Chosen Clerk P. T.

Voted that Col John W Duffee Wentworth Hayes, Paul Libbey and Jaber Dame, Barinabas Palmer is chosen a committee as mentioned

in the notification and the meeting adjourned to the 26 day in July. Met according to adjournment and the Meeting dissolved. Pursuant to a Vote of the Town for exchanging a road with Solomon Hanson giving him the road sd land for a road on the north west side of the second division lots of land on which he now lives for a road through near the middle of said lot of land as mentioned or expressed in the petition for the same. We have laid out a road through said lot of land Beginning at the road that runs through Uderborough so called at a large stone from thence run south forty seven degrees west which course runs over Jacob Hanson's house where he now dwells and so on the length of the Range of lots leaving the road on the North west side of said line four rods wide as a Publick Highway for the people to pass and repass as occasion may require laid out by us.

John Plummer / Selectmen
 Richard Place

Rochester 30th November, 1779

Recorded by Josiah Main, Town Clerk.

The Town's Accounts for the year 1779. Pr Cr.
 Returned in the selectmen's hands
 in the last years acct 206-9-6
 Returned in Constable Zebulon Davis
 hands for 1777. 24-2-2
 In Constable George Place's hands
 for year 1778 57-10-0
 In Constable Wm W. Deals hands for
 the year 1778 263-15-5
 Paid in Constable Schabod Hayes list
 for year 1779 3277-19-4
 Paid in Constable Joseph Joyles list
 for year 1779 3016-14-9
 Paid in Constable Benjamin Forst
 list for 1779 4596-11-0
 Paid in Constable Benjamin Dames
 list for 1779 4218-17-0
 Received of Barnabas Palmer in full
 for the land tax 1778 273-2-
 Received of Barnabas Palmer in part
 for the land tax for 1779 1060-0-0
 Received of Esq Plummer for fines 10-16-
 Paid Capt John Brewsters fine for not
 serving Constable 8-0-0

17008-11-2

The Way said Money is Disposed of and remains
 Paid five soldiers a Town Bounty for six
 months service at the State of Rhode
 Island at 450 pounds each 750-
 Paid said 5 soldiers a State Bounty &
 travelling money 1/2 each 210--

Paid some expenses at inlisting
 said soldiers 7-4-
 Paid a Town Bounty to 4 soldiers for
 twelve months for the Continental
 Service at 304 each 1216-0-
 Paid a State Bounty to said 4 soldiers
 at 60 each 248--
 Paid for taking an inventory in April last 36--
 Paid for making rate lists & Counterpins 36-
 Paid for making the highway lists &
 districting the Surveyors 36--
 Paid En^r James W. Duffee a Note of hand
 on interest 67-10-
 Paid John Reyle of Dover a Note on interest 172-10-
 Paid Daniel Gardin a note on interest 15-18-
 Paid Benjamin Forst a note on interest 15-12-
 Paid Col John W. Duffee a note on interest 36-
 Paid Capt Sam^r W. Duffee a note on interest 35-4-
 Paid Reuben Heard a note on interest 34-10-
 Paid Reuben Heard a note to his son
 George on interest 39-2-
 Paid Lt Richard Place a note on interest 34-12-
 Paid Abner Dams a note on interest 9--
 Paid for making Rate lists & Counterpins
 for unimproved lands 36--
 Paid for making a second list & counter-
 pins for a Continental Tax 36-
 Paid Eben^r Ricker for inlisting the above
 soldiers his act 60-
 Paid Joseph Hayes a Note of hand on interest 11-5-
 2121-7

Paid the State Treas^r in full for the
 first Continental and State Tax 4472-2-8½
 Paid the State Treas^r in part for the
 second Continental tax 3006-5-3½
 Paid for going to Exeter to settle acct
 & pay the Treasurer 33
 Paid James Knowles Esq^r for his ex-
 penses at Concord 20
 Paid interest money hired for the
 town's use 18-3-
 Paid for 3 quire of paper used for the
 town's business 16-4-
 Paid some expenses at Wentworth's
 hiring constables and inlisting
 for the great island 11-2-
 Paid for corn, wood, meat & other
 necessaries for Daniel Alleys wife
 during his soldiering 114-13-
 Paid for sundry necessaries for Dan^l
 Watson's family in his absence 101-2-
 Paid Lt Stephen Berry the one half
 for keeping old Mr Joseph Rollins one
 year according to conditions of vendue
 when he was let out 193-8-4
 Paid Doc^r James How his bill for doctor-
 ing sd Rollins 3-12-
 Paid for clothing sd Rollins 61-16-
 Paid John Vute in part for keeping
 Sally Berry one year 64-4-
 Paid John Vute for keeping Sally
 Berry 6 weeks 14-8-

Paid the expenses of banding or let-
 ting out sd town charges 9--
 Paid the Town Clerk for Drawing &
 Returning 16 jurors 25-10-
 Paid George Place for warning Town
 Officers the year past 8-10-
 Paid an order in favor of En^t Furber
 given on Zebulon Davis given by the
 Selectmen in the year 1777. 1-12-
 Paid for taking an Inventory by order
 of the General Court 60-
 Drawbacks in Constable Wm McKeals
 Rate list for year 1778 8-11-6
 Constable Wm McKeals Rates taken of
 for serving Constable 8-8-4
 Paid for running & exchanging a road
 up by Jacob Hanson's at Wedderborough for a
 road through sd Hanson's land making
 deeds & expenses 16-10-
 Paid for two loads of wood for the Widow
 Weymouth in the winter 13-10-
 Paid the Selectmen for their services
 through the year 67-10-
 Drawbacks in Constable Schabod Hayes
 list 16-19-9
 Paid Rev Joseph Haven pr order
 Constable Schabod Hayes Rates Dis-
 counted for serving Constable 7-11-6
 29-18-2
 8423-16-10

There remains on settlement of the
Town's Accounts for the year 1779.

In Constable Joseph Joles hands 336-10-9

In Constable Benjamin Damishands 1031-7-

In Constable Benjamin Forss hands 1398-17-

Cash and Notes in the Selectmen's

hands

2683-12-1

Sum total of the debt brought 5450-7-4

from Page 437 and Page 439 11058-3-10

17008-11-2

The foregoing Acct is the true state of the
Town's Account Debt & Credit for the year 1779 as
kept by us John Plummer

Jabez Dame

Richard Place

Selectmen of Roches-
ter for 1779.

Rochester 27 of March, 1780

Having cast the Counterpins & examined the
above accounts Debt & Credit we find them
well adjusted and is a fair honest & just
account delivered to us by the Selectmen.

Wentworth Hayes

Jacob Hanson

Commissioners.

Recorded by Josiah Main, Town Clerk.

State New

Hampshire

To the freeholders & inhabitants
of the Town of Rochester such as
Strafford &c are legal Voters in Town Meetings

You are hereby notified of a publick Town
Meeting to be holden in the meeting house
on Monday the 27th day of this instant March
at ten of the clock in the forenoon on sd
then and there to act on the follow-

ing business

1st To chuse a Moderator to regulate sd meeting

2^d To chuse all Town Officers for the year ensuing

3^d To vote what money shall be raised for

schools the year ensuing

4^d To vote how much shall be raised on the

Rolls for repairing the highways the year

ensuing and how much per day.

5^d To see if the town will take into consider-

ation the sufferings of the Rev^d Joseph Haven

on the account of the great depreciation of

our currency & make up his salary for the

year past either in the produce of the land

or some other way in some measure equal

to what it was when he first settled with us

6th By the request of a number of petitioners

to see if the town will vote to choose a Com-

mittee to settle the lines in the ten rod

road from the meeting house to Mr John

Trickey's and also the four rod road between

the first & second division from Tristram

Heards to Gardins Mills

7th By the request of a number of petitioners

to see if the town will vote to open the road

between the first and second range of lots

from Barrington line or some part of it up

by Cliphallet Hills

8th By a request of a number of petitioners to
see if the town will vote (with the consent
of Rev^d Joseph Haven) to dispose of the first
division Parsonage lot of land lying on

Blind Will's Neck and lay out the money for the support of the minister &c.
 9th To see if the Town will dispose of the first division school lot of land lying on Salmon falls road & dispose of the money for the support of a school.

10th Also to see if the Town will vote to dispose of the Training field laying below the Meeting house & convert the money to Town use all the above land to be disposed off by lease at Public Vendue

12 To chuse a committee & empower them to lay out said land according to the plan of the town & dispose of the same as above mentioned.

13th & if any person having any of the above land in possession refuse to give it up when demanded the Committee to be empowered to prosecute to final judgment & execution at the towns cost.

All concerned are desired to attend at time & place given under our hands at Rochester this 11th day of March Anno Domini, 1780

John Plummer

Jabez Dame

Richard Place

Selectmen

State of New Hampshire
 At a legal Town Meeting holden in the Meeting house in Rochester Strafford & for this 27 day of March 1780 the following business was transacted.

First James Knowles Esq^r Chosen Moderator of sd meeting

2nd Josiah Main Chosen Town Clerk.

John Ham
 Thomas Roberts } Chosen Constables for the current year.

3 Capt William Mc Duffee Chosen assessor for the current year

4 Wentworth Hayes } Commissioners.

Jacob Hanson

Ens John Trickey

Ens John Ham

Jos Haighton

5 Benj^a Rollings

Alexander Hodgdon

Richard Walker

Lt Saml Ute

Ens^r Lehabod Corsem

Sam^l Wingate

Benjamin Copes

Lt Timothy Roberts

Barnabas Palmer

Ens^r Richard Furber

Moses Jenness

6 Stephen Jinkins

Samuel Haighton

Ens^r David Haighton

Joseph Plummer

Ens^r James Mc Duffee

Zebulon Dame

Benjamin Dame

Moses Roberts

Paul Jenness

Tything men

Surveyors

Highways.

Peter Horn } Fence Drivers.
 John Place }
 Joseph Thompson }
 William Ellis }
 Mussey Gould }
 8 Moses Hammet } Field Drivers.
 Nathaniel Gardin }
 Edward Rollings }

9 Voted that Solomon Perkins shall have his poll tax taken off for the future

10 Voted that a single poll shall work one day on the highways and bridges as mentioned in the Notification & to have fifteen dollars per day finding themselves materials to work with.

11 It was put to vote to see if the town will raise any money for schools the present year & voted in the negative

12 It was put to vote to see if the Town make up Rev Joseph Haven's salary to what it was when he first settled with us in the ministry & Voted that Mr Haven shall receive thirty dollars in lieu of one when he settled first in this town & for the year 1779.

And the meeting adjourned to the second Monday in April next.

April 10th Met according to adjournment and the following business was transacted:

Namely: It was put to vote to see if the town will chuse a committee to settle the lines in

the ten rod road from the Meeting House to Mr John Trickeys and also the four rod road between the first and second division from Tristram Heard's to Gardin's Mill and Voted in the Negative.

4 It was put to vote to see if the town will open the road between the first and second range of lots from Barrington line or some part of it up by Elphalet Hills and Voted in the affirmative.

The eighth article mentioned in the Notification not acted on.

5 It was put to vote to see if the town will dispose of the first division school lot of land lying on Salmon falls road and dispose of the money for the support of a school and Voted in the Negative.

It was put to vote to see if the town will dispose of the Training field laying below the Meeting House by lease at Public Vendue and convert the money to town uses and Voted in the affirmative.

7 It was put to vote to see if the town will chuse a committee & impower said committee to lay out said lands according to the plan of the town and dispose of the same as afore mentioned & voted in the affirmative

8 Voted that Barnabas Palmer, James Adams, Jacob Hanson is chosen a committee as above mentioned for the before mentioned purposes.

19 voted that if any person or persons having any of the said Training field in possession refuse to give it up when demanded that this committee are hereby empowered to prosecute to final judgment and execution at the Town's cost.

Recorded by Josiah Main, Town Clerk.

The whose names are under written enter our dissent against the vote past for disposing of the Training field below the meeting house in Rochester at this annual meeting.

Ens Edward Tebbetts	Mark Harford
Capt Wm Allen	Elijah Tebbetts
Ens Schabod Corson	Daniel Clark
John Trickey	David Tebbetts
John Trickey Jr	Amos Hayes
Sam ^d Wingate	Peter Horn
Ens ^m John Ham	Joshua Allen
Wentworth Hayes	Timothy Corson
Stephen Tebbetts	Ezekiel Tebbetts
Joseph Wingate	Thomas Roberts
Joshua Corson	Benjamin Foss Jr
Moses Hammet	Robert Tebbetts
May ^r Eben ^r Tebbetts	Hugh Tucker
Paul Libbey	Silas Tebbetts
Jabez Dame	Thomas Gardin
Isaac Libbey	Henry Tebbetts
John Warden	
Timothy Roberts	
Stephen Harford	

And the Meeting adjourned to the 17 day in April next

April the 17 met according to adjournment & the following was transacted: Namely.

Barnabas Palmer
James Adams
Lt Sam^d Vute

} Chosen Selectmen for the current year.

Lt Richard Place

Alexander Hodgdon Jr

} Assessors.

John Ham paid his fine of fifty pounds for not serving Constable

Voted that Jonathan Haighton is chosen Constable for the year ensuing.

Voted said Haighton to have the fine that John Ham paid for serving Constable. The Meeting adjourned to the last Monday in June next.

State of New Hampshire } To the freeholders & inhabitants of the Town of Rochester SS }
Stratford SS }
in Publick Town Meetings. - You are hereby notified of a Publick Town Meeting to be holden in the Meeting House in said Rochester on Monday the 29th day of this instant May at ten of the clock in sd day then and there to act on the following particulars:

1st To chuse a Moderator to regulate sd meeting

2^d To see if the Town will vote the first Parish line to extend where it formerly

was voted or proposed to run if not
 3^{dy} To see if the town will vote the first Parish to contain one third part of the acres of land in said town by the plan
 4^{dy} To see if the town will vote to clear all the inhabitants that lives above the aforesaid line from paying towards building a Meeting House.

5^{dy} Likewise to clear them from paying toward the support of the Rev^d Joseph Haven for the future

6^{dy} To see if the town will build a Meeting House by a tax on the polls & estates in said town

7^{dy} To vote where the Meeting House shall be erected and stand to accomodate the supposed first Parish.

8^{dy} To see what money the Town will vote to raise to carry on the building of the Meeting House at present

9^{dy} To see if the town will make an addition to the former committee & empower said committee to build said Meeting House immediately.

10 To see if the town will vote for the inhabitants to have liberty to work out their proportion as near as possibly can be done or as near as the nature of things will allow & what they shall have for day

11 To see if the town will vote & empower committee to procure or purchase

the land where the house shall stand
 12^{dy} To see if the town will vote to exchange a road on the plain for a road through toward Henderson's land and others
 13^{dy} For the town to chuse a Collector for the present year.

All persons are hereby requested to give their attendance at time & place given under our hands at Rochester this 13th day of May 1780.

Barnabas Palmer

J^s Adams

Saml Vute

Selectmen

At a legal town meeting held in Rochester in the Meeting House this 29 day of May 1780 the following business was transacted. Namely

John Plummer Esq^r was chosen Moderator of sd meeting

2 It was put to vote to see if the first Parish shall extend where it was formerly voted or proposed to run and voted in the affirmative.

3 It was put to vote to see if the first Parish shall contain one third part of the acres of land in said town by the plan and voted in the affirmative

4 It was put to vote to see if the town will clear all the inhabitants that lives above the aforesaid line from paying towards building a Meeting House and

Voted in the affirmative.

The fifth article not acted on.

6 It was put to vote to see if the Town will build the Meeting House by a tax on the polls and estates in said town and Voted in the affirmative.

7 It was put to vote to see where said Meeting House shall be erected and stand so as to accomodate the supposed first Parish and Voted that sd Meeting House be erected where it formerly was proposed by a committee who were chosen by the Town for that purpose.

8 It was put to vote - how much money the town will raise to carry on the building of said House and Voted that ten thousand pounds should be raised to carry on the building of said house & Voted that the Selectmen are to assess the polls and estates of the inhabitants for payment of the same.

9 Voted that Messrs Jabez Darnie, Col. John W. Duffie, Capt John Brewster, is chosen a committee in behalf of the town to undertake and carry on the building of said Meeting House.

10 Voted that the inhabitants have liberty to work out their proportion toward the building sd house in labour & to have 25 dollars pr day finding themselves materials to work with.

It was put to vote to see if the town will empower the above named committee to procure or purchase the land where sd house shall stand & Voted in the affirmative.

12 It was put to vote to see if the town will exchange a road on the plan for a road through Howard Henderson's lands and others & Voted in the affirmative.

13 Voted that Barnabas Palmer is chosen to collect the land tax as mentioned in the Notification.

And the Meeting dissolved.

Recorded by Josiah Wain, Town Clerk
An Account of the work done in cutting hewing hauling & framing Raising & hauling stones and underpinning the Meeting house &c.

99 days in cutting and beating of the large timber in the woods at the upper most part of the town in year 1775

106 days in hauling the above timber in March 1775

330 days in cutting and hauling the remainder of the timber in the spring past in year 1780.

189 days in hewing the whole of the timber after it was hauled to the place where the house now stands

237 days in framing & planing the timber and procuring the spars &

as per account kept by us

Jabez Dame

John W. Duffer Committee

John Brewster

Rochester, September 11, 1780

Recorded by Josiah Wain, Clerk.

State of New Hampshire To the freeholders and other inhabitants of the town of Strafford S. S. Rochester such as are legal voters in Public Town Meetings. - You are hereby notified of a Public Town Meeting to be holden in the Meeting House in sd. Rochester on Monday the 18th day of September at one o'clock P. M. then and there to act on the following particulars.

1st To chuse a Moderator to regulate sd. meeting
2nd To see if the town will vote to chuse some suitable person or persons to examine the Committee's Accts what has been expended in getting framing & raising the new Meeting House or receive them without examining

3rd To consult and vote the method said Meeting House shall be carried on and chuse a committee for the same.

4th To see if the Town will vote to sell the Pew privileges in sd. house at vendue and the sum to be laid out to carry on the building of said House as far as it will answer from where the ten thousand pound was formerly voted by the town

was expended.

5th For the Town to vote whether the Pews shall be built by the purchasers or by the cost of the Town.

6th To see if the Town will vote the plan or draft of the pews in said house and the number for the Town to vote what pay shall be taken for sd. privileges whether money or species & if species then to vote what sorts and the different prices thereof or otherwise to refer it to the Committee that shall be appointed to vendue said privileges & to chuse some suitable person to draw a plan of the pews in sd. house
7th To see if the town will vote what time the committee shall proceed to carry on the work.

8th To see if the Town will vote to take down the old Meeting House and when and the stuff that is suitable to be taken to carry on said new House

9th To see if the Town will vote to exchange part of the ten rod road pland on the south of Mr James Horn's land for the lot where said new House now stands.

10th To see if the Town will consider the Rev^d Joseph Haven and vote some better method in order to pay his salary for the future

11th To see if the Town will chuse two Collectors to collect the War & County Tax for this

present year.

14 To see if the Town will grant the requests of a number of petitioners to have a road laid out from Wakefield road to Stephen Wentworth's farm & the settlements in the neighbourhood and if Voted to chuse a committee to lay out said road, & you are hereby desired to give your attendance at time and place.

Rochester, September 9th 1780.

James Adams } Selectmen.
Saml Vute }

At a legal Town meeting holden in the meeting house in Rochester on Monday the 18th day of this instant September 1780 the following business was transacted:

First John Plummer Esq. Chosen Moderator of sd meeting

2nd Voted to receive the Committee's accounts for getting timber, framing & raising the Meeting house as they now stand.

3rd Voted that Col John Mc Duffee, Mr Jaber Dame, Capt John Brewster continue as a committee to carry on the building of the Meeting house

4th Voted that the Committee for carrying on the Meeting house sell the Pew Privileges on the floor of sd house at Public Vendue, to the highest bidder for carrying on sd house.

5th Voted that the Pews in sd house shall be built by the purchaser.

6 A plan being presented by Mr Jaber Dame to the Town was Voted to be good.

7 Voted what pay to be taken for sd pews to be referred to the Committee referred to the 6 article.

9 Voted the Committee to proceed in fitting sd house as soon as they shall think proper.

10 Voted to be left to the Committee to take down the old meeting house when they think proper.

11 It was put to Vote to see if the town will empower the Committee to exchange part of the ten rod road with Mr James Horn for the land where the new meeting house now stands & Voted in the affirmative.

12 Voted that Rev Joseph Haven be paid forty dollars for one.

13 Voted for the Selectmen to hire a Collector or Collectors as cheap as they can.

14 Voted that there be a road laid out from Wakefield road as mentioned in the Notification.

15 Voted that Mr John Cook & Mr Jonathan Twombly be a committee for the same & the meeting dissolved.

The Conditions for Sale of the Pew Privileges in the New Meeting House in Rochester now in building to be sold at Public Vendue agreeable to a Vote of the Town by their Committee appointed for that purpose which Conditions are as followeth.

1 The highest bidder to be the purchaser.
 2 The purchaser to pay in the following manner - viz - the fourth part of the purchase sum to be paid on demand the one half thereof to be paid in good merchantable white pine boards delivered at said meeting house frame fit for the present use to inclose said frame at 368 pr thousand feet the other half of said fourth part to be equal to the same quantity of boards but paid in the present current passable money to be computed at the rate 150 pr thousand feet. The other three fourths to be paid at or before the first day of June 1781 which are half of said three fourths to be paid in good merchantable white pine boards delivered at said frame or the mill nigh by at 300 pr thousand feet & the other half thereof to be paid in the current passable money in a greater or less sum to be computed as the then current price of boards shall bear to boards at 300 pr thousand feet each purchaser to give the Committee his note for his purchase sum and pay the same at the above term or forfeit his bid.

3 No person is allowed to be a purchaser but what is concerned in building sd house.
 4 Nothing less than 2/ shillings advance to be accounted a bid.

All the pews of the same Denomination

to be built in a similar manner.
 6 That whenever the major part of the purchasers of a string of privileges shall agree to build the minor part shall join in the same or forfeit their privileges.
 7 If any dispute arise in bidding to be left to the major part of the Company present & if so adjudged set up again.
 8 That all the Pew Privileges with their number and the names of the persons to whom sold shall be recorded by the Town Clerk in the Town Records at the cost of the Town which said Record shall be a good title to the purchaser & his heirs forever.
 Rochester September 26, 1780

Jabez Darnie
 John McDuff
 John Brewster } Committee

Pursuant to the eighth article in the Conditions for sale of the floor and gallery Pew Privileges in the new meeting house in Rochester now in building which is that all the pews with their number and the names of the persons to whom sold shall be recorded by the town clerk in the Town Records at the cost of the Town which said Records shall be a good title to the purchaser & his heirs forever.

Purchaser's name as on the floor	No	Price	Purchaser's name	No	Price
Col Otis Baker	1	21-0	Lt Saml Hite	23	15-
Lt Richard Place	2	15-10	Ensl Chabod Cressen	24	16

Purchasers Names	No	Prices	Purchasers Names	No	Prices
Alexander Hodgdon	3	15-10	Capt Daniel McDuffee	25	15-10
Josiah Tolson	4	15-	Capt Wm Allen	26	21-
Tristram Heard	5	13-	Wid Sarah Brown	27	15-
Capt John Brewster	6	15-	Joseph Pearl	28	16-
Stephen Wentworth	7	15-10	Moses Roberts	29	15-
Capt Wm Chamberlin	8	15-10	Personage Sew	30	--
Samuel Bickford	9	15-	Paul Libbey	31	15-
Jacob Hanson	10	13-	Paul Hartford	32	16-
Thomas Roberts			Herb Roberts	33	15-
Benjamin Collins	11	12-10	Saml Plummer	34	13-
John Plummer Esq	12	15-	Simon Torr		
James Chesley	13	15-	Joseph Knight	35	16-
Henry Tibbets	14	15-10	Jabez Dame	36	17-10
Daniel Page	15	14-10	Chen ^r Tibbets	37	30
Barnabas Palmer	16	15-	Ab John McDuffee	38	22
Thomas Brown	17	14-	Doc James Houe	39	18-8
Sam Chamberlin			James Adams	40	20
William Mc Neal	18	16-	Capt Jonathan Ham	41	21
Ens James McDuffee	19	15-10	Benjamin Furber	42	18-2
Capt Wm McDuffee	20	16-10	Wentworth Hayes	43	22
Capt David Place	21	17-6			
Benjamin Frost Jun	22	14-			

The foregoing is the purchasers names the number of each purchaser's privilege which he bid off and the price he gave is set against each purchaser's name. The purchaser's names in the gallery of said house with the number of the privileges and the price each purchaser gave for his privilege is as follows viz

Purchasers Names	No	Price	Purchasers Names	No	Price
George Place	1	16-2	Joseph Dame	13	14-
Dea James Knowles	2	16-4	Jonathan Highton	14	14-2
Samuel Twombly	3	16-2	Daniel Calf	15	12-2
Josiah Tolson	4	16-6	Ens John Burgin	16	11-16
Jabez Dame	5	16-8	Lt Richard Place	17	12-
Richard Wentworth	6	16-12	Joshua Downing	18	11-
Joseph Hayes	7	10-8	John Rollings	19	12-6
Thomas Roberts	8	12-	Anthony Luther Rollings		
Samuel Roberts	9	12-16	Jonathan Morrison	20	13-12
Enoch Wingate	10	14-2	Lt Richard Place	21	13-
Joseph Wingate	11	13-4	Stephen Wentworth	22	13-
Edward Rollings	12	13-8			

At a legal Vendue for the sale of the floor Pew Privileges in the new meeting house in Rochester now in building on the 26 day of September 1780 and also another Vendue on the 18 day of December 1780 for the sale of the Gallery Pew Privileges the foregoing persons in this list were the purchasers of the Pew Privileges in said house and the number set against their names is the number of their Privileges and the price against their number is the price each purchaser gave for his privilege. As per account kept by the Committee appointed to sell said privileges for the use of building said house.

Jabez Dame
John Brewster
John McDuffee

Committee

Recorded by Ensign W. H. H. H.

Pursuant to appointment at a legal Town Meeting holden in the meeting house in Rochester this 18 day of September y^r 1780 we have run out a road from the Wakefield road near the Flume so called toward Middletown by Stephen Wentworth's farm and the neighbouring settlements on the following points of compass - viz -

Beginning at a Pitch Pine tree standing by said Wakefield road on the south side the entrance of the path leading to said Wentworth's farm and from said tree we

N 50 W 16 Rods U 33 W 40 Rods U 35 W 24 Rods

N 65 W 76 Rods U 16 W 11 U 5 W 85

N 41 W 10 Rods U 25 W 16 U 5 E 80

N 16 W 18 Rods U 15 W 29 U 30 W 22

N 8 E 24 Rods U 5 E 34 U 4 E 43

N 4 W 26 Rods U 2 E 60 U 36 W 51

N 34 W 20 Rods N - - 44 U 35 E 18

N 48 10 Rods U 24 W 108 U 28 W 12

U 10 W 43 Rods U 20 W 13

U 18 E 40 Rods

To the Round tree at the south east end of the lots of land numbered 20 and 22 in the Third Division in said Rochester then run north 40 degrees west the line between said lots of land the full length of them then turning & run south westerly 31 rods in the pland road between the ranges then turned & run north 30 degrees west through the lot of land

numbered 19 the full length of the same into the road pland between the two upper ranges of the sd Division run in the center of said road: and the trees are all spotted and sd road is allowed to be 4 rods wide. Run out this - day of November 1780 by direction and as had been before searched out by us

John Cook

Jonathan Twombly

Committee

Jonathan Dams, Surveyor.

Recorded for Josiah Main, Town Clerk.

Treasury Office Exeter Feby 18, 1780

New Hampshire Received of the Selectmen of the Town of Rochester, Two Thousand Two Hundred & eighty one pounds, four shillings & eight pence $\frac{1}{2}$ in full payment of the Balance of the first Continental & State Tax of sd town for the year 1779 Also the sum of three thousand and six pounds five shillings & three pence half penny in part payment of the last Continental Tax of sd Town for 1779

W^m Nicholas Gilman, Treasurer

Treasury Office Exeter, August 9, 1780

New Hampshire Received of the Selectmen of the Town of Rochester by the hand of John Plummer, Esq, One Thousand Nine Hundred and ninety four pounds, nineteen shillings and seven pence in full of the Balance due on the last Continent

al Tax of said Town for the year 1779. Also the sum of one thousand and five pounds and five pence in part payment of the Continental and State Tax of said Town for the present year 1780.

Pr Uich Gilman, Treasurer.

1994-19-7

1005-0-5

3000-0-0

Exeter April 22, 1780

Treasury Office } Received of the Selectmen
New Hampshire of the Town of Rochester by
the hands of Deacon Knowles, three thou-
sand and forty eight pounds, twelve shil-
lings in part payment of the last Conti-
nental Tax of said Town for the year 1779

Pr Uich Gilman, Treasurer.

3048-12-0

Treasury Office } Exeter, March 23, 1781.

New Hampshire } Received of the Selectmen
of Rochester of the hand of Mr Jabez Dame
one thousand and fifty five pounds, 4 shil-
lings in part payment of the taxes of
said town for the year 1780

Pr Uich Gilman, Treasurer

1055-4-0

State of New Hampshire } To the freeholders & inhabitants
of the Town of Rochester, such as
Stratford &c are legal voters in Town Meetings
You are hereby notified of a Publick Town
Meeting to be holden in the Meeting House

in said Town on Monday the first day
of December next at one oclock P.M., then
and there to act on the following particulars
First To chuse a Moderator to regulate said meeting
2^d To select a suitable person to represent said
Town in General Assembly.

3^d To vote for two suitable persons for Coun-
cillors agreeable to a precept from the General
Court.

4th To see what provision the Town will make
for a singing seat in the new Meeting House
and if voted then to empower the commit-
tee to build the same.

5th To see if the Town will vote to sell the
Pew Priviledges for the Galleries and vote
where the Pews shall be and empower the
committee to vendue the same.

All persons concerned are hereby requested
to give their attendance at time & place
Given under our hands at Rochester this
seventeenth day of November, 1780.

Barnabas Palmer } Selectmen
James Adams }

At a legal town meeting held in the
meeting house in Rochester this first day
of December the following business was
transacted, Namely John Plummer Esq^r
Chosen Moderator of said meeting:
2^d Mr Jabez Dame was chosen to represent
the Town of Rochester in the General As-
sembly

3 Voted that George Frost & John Wentworth Esq^r is chosen Councillors for the year ensuing
 4 Voted that the hindermost seat on the men's side near on the great alley on the floor shall be reserved for the singers and the Committee is to build said seat on the Town's cost

5th It was put to vote to see if the Town will agree to sell the Pew Privileges in the Galleries & Voted in the affirmative.

6th Voted that there should be a string of Pews built in the front of the Front Gallery and likewise Pews to be built against the walls in the Side Galleries & Voted that the Committee are empowered to vendue the same at the Town's Cost And the meeting dissolved
 Recorded pr Josiah Main, Town Clerk.

The Town's Accounts for the year 1780 Pr Cr.

Returned in the Selectmen's hands

in last year's Account 2683-12-7

In Constable Joseph Joyels hands 336-10-9

In Constable Benjamin Dams hands 1031-7-0

In Constable Benjamin Forster hands 1398-17-0

Raised in Constable Thomas Roberts list for 1780 60128-9-0

Raised in Constable Jonathan Laigh-ton's list for 1780 29160-1-0

Raised in Collector Wm Mcneal's list for 1780 24134-15-0

Received of Collector Barnabas Palmer

in full for land tax 1779 965-0-0
 Received of said Palmer in full for a land tax 1780 6840-0-0

126678-12-4

Returned in the Selectmen's hands 450

127,128-12-4

The way said money is disposed of and remains

A. Bounty paid 9 soldiers for six months 1200 dollars each 3240--

A. Bounty paid 13 soldiers for 3 months 600 Dollars each 2340--

Paid for 9425 weight of Beef delivered to John B. Hanson 29137-10-

Paid the six month soldiers in part 6156-3-

Paid the three month soldiers in part 6034-5-

For making ratelists & counterpins for the year 1780 270

For making surveyors lists and districts 90-0-

Paid the Commissioners for their services 90-0-

For making the Collector's list for the Un-improved lands 90-0-

Paid for the Meetinghouse 10000-0

Paid expenses to Stephen Wentworth for inlisting of soldiers 90-12-

Paid Maj^r Tibbets expenses inlisting of soldiers for 1780 360-

Paid Rev Joseph Haven in part of his salary 2799-16-9

Paid for 5 Lires of paper for the town's business 60-0

Paid Mrs Berry for mending clothes

for Joseph Rollings	45-0
Paid the State Treasurer	7103-16-0
To Cash returned from Exeter	
Counterlit	6-0-0
Paid Stephen Wentworth the expense of the Committee	48-6-
Paid John Ute for keeping of Sally Berry	64-10-
Paid sd Ute for clothing of Sally Berry	227-15-
Paid the Town Clerk for Drawing and Returning Jurors and sundry other services through the year	150-
Paid Lt Berry in part for keeping Sally Berry	73-18-0
Paid for running highways eleven days	123-15-
Paid Benjamin Forre for warning Town Officers	20-
Paid Jonathan Dam for running Highways and Deeds	253-4-0
To Benjamin Forres Rates Discounted	33-12-
Paid the Funeral charges of Joseph Rollins	130-10-
Paid James Adams the expense of the Committee	57-0-
Paid Doctor Howe for repairing the Parsonage House	100-
Paid for expenses in inlisting of soldiers in year 1780	55-16-0
To waiting on the committee nine days	101-5-0
To the expense of letting out a Town Charge at Vendue	25-4-
Drawbacks on Constable Benjamin	

Dam's list for year 1779	33-3-
Drawbacks on Constable Benjamin Forres list for 1779	4-5-
Paid Lt Berry in part for keeping Joseph Rollings	97-4-
Paid Constable Roberts for warning Jurors & people out of town	30-
Paid Constable Roberts for collecting the War and County Tax	389-14-
Paid for Collecting and Returning of Book to Mr Hanson's	225-
Paid for inlisting & paying of soldiers for the Selectmen's services	225-
	<u>270-</u>

There Remains on Settlement of the Towns Acts for the year 1780

In Constable Joseph Joyles hands	270-4-9
In Constable Benjamin Davis hands	260-4-
In Constable Benjamin Forre's hands	642-
In Constable Thomas Roberts hands	26399-6-6
In Constable Jonathan Haighton's hands	7160--
In Collector William W. Meals hands	<u>19596--</u>

The foregoing is the true state of the Towns Accounts both Debt and Credit for the year 1780 as kept by us.

Barnabas Palmer/
James Adams } Selectmen
Sam^l Ute

Rochester, March 26, 1780

Having cast the Counterkins & examined the above accounts Debt and Credit we find them well adjusted & is a fair and honest account delivered to us by the Selectmen.

Wentworth Hayes }
Jacob Hanson } Commissioners.

Rochester March 26 1781

Recorded by Josiah Main Town Clerk
State of New Hampshire } To the inhabitants of the Town
of Rochester paying Taxes:
Stratford &c You are hereby notified of a
Publick Town Meeting to be holden in the
Meeting House in said Rochester on Monday
the twenty sixth day of this instant
March at eleven o'clock on said day, then
& there to act on the following particulars
1st To chuse a Moderator to govern sd meeting
2nd To chuse all other Town Officers as the
Law Directs.

3rd To see if the Town will Vote to raise
money to hire schools this year and how
much.

4th To see what the Town will Vote upon the
Pool for the repairing the Highways and
how much each man shall be allowed p'day
5th For the Town to chuse a County Treasurer
and a Recorder of Deeds in this County.

6th To see if the Town will Vote to take of
part or all Mr John Hammetts rate so
as he will support Nicholas Hammett

All persons concerned are required to
give their attendance at time and place
given under our hands at Rochester
this tenth day of March. Anno Domini 1781.

Garnabas Palmer }
Jos Adams } Selectmen

At a legal Town Meeting held in the meet-
ing house in Rochester this 26 day of March
1782 the following business was transacted
Namely Mr John Cook was chosen Moderator
of said meeting.

2nd Josiah Main Chosen Town Clerk.

Wm Eben Tibbets }
3rd Mr Jacob Hanson } Chosen Selectmen
Mr Eben Wentworth }

4th Lt Richard Place }
Ephraim Kimball } Chosen Commissioners

5th Mr Jabez Dame }
Lt Sam^l Vute } Chosen Assessors.

6th Mr James Adams } Chosen Constable
Voted Mr Adams shall not serve as Consta-
ble this present year.

Edward Collins }
Richard Furber jr }
Lehabod Hayes }
Mordecai Varney } Chosen Surveyors of
7th Benjamin Cops } Highways for
Saml Haighton } the present year
Ens Richard Furber }
Ens John Trickey }
William Jenness jr }

Alexander Hodgdon Jun^r

Lt Samuel Vute

Thomas Roberts

Capt David Place

Joseph Plummer

Isaac Wentworth

Wm Hodgdon

Richard Walker

9 Ephraim Wentworth

James Adams

Daniel Percy

Zebulon Davis

Isaac Libbey

Solomon Clerk

Daniel Kimball

10 Joseph Drown

George Hayes

Graham Downs

Dependance Bickford

11 Peter Horn

Zebulon Dame

12 Wm Ellis

Moses Hammet

Chosen Surveyors
of the Highways for
the present year

Tything men.

Chosen Field Drivers

Fence Viewers

Hogreeths

13 It was put to vote to see if the Town
will raise money to hire schools this pres-
ent year & it was voted in the Negative.

14 Voted that a single poll should work one
day on the highways & bridges and the
rest in proportion & to have 50 dollars pr
day finding themselves utensils to work
with.

15 The meeting adjourned to the 9th day
in April next.

April 9th met according to adjournment
and the following business was transacted.

Voted that Messrs Simon Torr & Elijah
Garney is chosen Constables for the present year.

Voted that Capt Thos W.B. Aldron is chosen
county Treasurer and the Recorder of Deeds
by 45 voters

Voted not to take of any of Mr John
Hammet's rate.

19 Voted that Mr Thomas Roberts is chosen
Collector to collect a Land Tax of the non-
resident Proprietors of sd town.

The meeting adjourned to the 14 day in
May next

May the 14 met according to adjournment
Voted that for some particular reasons
Simon Torr is excused from serving Con-
stables this present year.

Voted that Sam^l Plummer is chosen Con-
stable for the present year - Voted that
Nathaniel Garland is chosen a surveyor
of Highways this present year.

Elijah Garney paid his fine for not serv-
ing Constable and afterwards for some
particular reasons the Town voted to
refun the money back again to sd Garney.
Voted that Sam^l Seery is chosen Constable
for the present year - and the meeting
adjourned to the first Monday in June next.

Uet according to adjournment Samuel Plummer was voted out from serving Constable this present year.

Sam^l Levy was voted out from serving Constable for this year.

Ithamar Levy was voted to serve as Constable and afterwards the vote was reconsidered voted that the Selectmen for the time being shall hire the Constables at as reasonable terms as may be had.

the meeting dissolved.

Whereas there has been difficulty in this Town in choosing Constables that will serve to collect the Taxes of the Town the present year -

In consequence of which the Freeholders and Inhabitants of said Town are hereby notified of a Publick Town Meeting to be holden in the Meeting House in sd Rochester on Monday the 19th day of this instant July at two o'clock in the afternoon then and there to act on the following particulars.

- 1st To chuse a Moderator to regulate sd meeting
- 2nd To see if the Town will vote to empower the Selectmen to hire a Collector or Collectors to collect the taxes for this year (if voted to hire sd collectors) to be set up to the lowest bidder on said day that will bid it off to collect and procure a sufficient Bondman for the compliance of the same.

Given under our hands at Rochester this 5th day of July 1781

Ebenezer Tabbetts

Jacob Hanson

Ebenezer Wentworth

Selectmen

U.B. Also at the forementioned Meeting to see if the Town will vote to chuse an Agent to carry on an action commenced in law by Joseph Drown against the former Selectmen as an action of trespass or otherwise as the Town may think proper when convened At a legal Town Meeting holden in the Meeting house in Rochester the 9 day in July 1781 the following business was transacted viz: Deacon James Knowles was chosen Moderator of said meeting.

It was put to vote to see if the Town will empower the Selectmen to hire the Collector to collect the taxes this present year and voted in the affirmative.

3 It was put to vote to see if the Town will chuse an Agent to carry on an action commenced in law by Jo Drown against the former Selectmen as an action of trespass and voted in the affirmative.

4 Voted that Mr Barnabas Palmer is chosen an Agent in behalf of the Town of Rochester to carry on said action and to prosecute to a final issue.

the meeting dissolved

Recorded by Josiah Main Town Clerk.

The Towns Accts for the year 1781 Dr.
 To paid by the former selectmen. after the Town Received their accounts 1165-0-0
 To paid Lt Stephen Berry for keeping Town charges 1781 281-10-0
 To paid Mr Samuel Bickford a note of hand of 9£ bearing date 1777 on interest at 48 dollars for one 446--
 To paid the State Tax in full for 1780 pr Rect 34943-5-7
 To paid Lt Berry in full for keeping Joseph Rollins for 1780 157
 To paid Stephen Wentworth expense of his house for the Vendue of letting out the first Rate lists 122-9
 To 832 counterfeit dollars returned from the Treasurer 249-12-
 To paid Esq Knowles 400 dollars in part for his expense at Concord 120
 To paid John Knowles part of Jacob Wilches wages 900-
 To paid Zebulon Davis the remainder of Theodore Richards wages 540-
 To paid part of the State Tax for the year 1781 in the old Emission Currency 5683-10
 Total 44608-11-7
 Reduced at 75 dollars for one at the Silver Exchange in Silver Money
 To paid nine soldiers a Bounty of 60 s pr man for two months service 27--
 To paid 9 soldiers 12 s pr man for 5-8

To time and expense procuring said money & paying & fixing sd soldiers 1-16-
 To the interest of said money 2-6-
 To paid Capt Wm M Duffee expense in listing soldiers -6-
 To paid James Knowles Esq the acct of his time and expense at Concord besides 400 old Emission dollars 5-3-5
 To paid Abner Dame for keeping Joseph Rollins 1779 3-9-
 To paid Lt Berry for clothing Town charges pr Rect -19-
 To paid John Ute in part for keeping Sally Berry 1782 8-9-9
 To paid Tristram Heard for damages of a highway through his land agreeable to a Court order 6--
 To paid for 17 1/2 gallons of rum for the use of the State 53-9
 To paid for 12970 pound of Beef @ 40 216-3-4
 To time & expense procuring & delivering sd Beef 4--
 To paid Saml Rollins part of his wages agreeable to a Law of sd State 7-16-
 To paid Thos Brown for work at the Parsonage House -12-
 To paid sundry soldiers 1033 bushels of corn agreeable to said votes 309-13-0
 To making the first Rate lists and Counterpains 3-12-
 To making the 2^d Rate list and Counterpains 2-8-

To paid Solomon Perkins the expense
of his house at Vendue of the 2nd Rate } -19-
List Town charge let out
To paid for making the Surveyor's
lists & Districting them 1-10-
To time & expense of sundry journeys
on Towns business 3-12-
To Drawbacks in Constable Roberts list
after settlement 9-15-11
To paid the Clerk for Town services &
Recording through the year 3-13-
To Thomas Roberts rates discounted
his own list 4-9-0
To paid Thomas Roberts for warning
Town Officers -18-2
To paid Mr Palmer the expense of a
Law suit between the Town and Jos
Drown pr account 12-13-4
To paid for the first State Tax $1338-\frac{5}{8}-\frac{3}{4}$
U. E. money equal to 334-10-1
To paid for the first Silver Tax in
part pr Rect 12-18-
To paid Rev^d Mr Haven $2872-\frac{5}{8}$ old Emis
in Currency in part for his salary } 38-6
for the years 1779 and 1780 equal to
To paid Rev^d Joseph Haven in part for
his salary for y^r year 1781 66-2-1
To Jonathan Haighton's Rates discount
ed in his list 3-6-3
To Drawbacks in Constable Haighton's
list after settlement 1-17-4

To the difference in the exchange
of 19386 at 75 for one to 160 for one
which is equal to 4 New Em. dollars } 138-14-9
to one hard dollar
To Cash paid for writing paper
for Town Business -15-6
To the selectmen's services through
the year 8-0-
To paid for an Inventory 2-2-
To the Commissioners services 1-4-
Total £1894-18-2
Returned in Constable Ben^d
Fors's hands since the year 1779 8-6-
Remains in Constable Ben^d Davis hands
1779 3-8-9
Remains in Constable Wm Mcneals
hands 1780 16-4-6
Remains in Constable P. Harford's hands
 $832-\frac{3}{8}-\frac{3}{4}$ New E. me. equal to 208-0-11
Remains silver money in P. Harford's
hands 80-11-5
Remains in Collector George Place's
hands $885-\frac{5}{8}-\frac{1}{4}$ U. E. me. 221-6-4
Remains silver money in sd Place's
list 26-13-4
Remains in Constable John Vutes hands 119-8-5
Remains in Collector John Burgin's
hands 92-18-
Remains in Constable Thos Roberts
hands 139-14-
Returned in Mr Palmer's hands

through a mistake with Collector
 Mr. Heals act in last year Act } 33-1-3
 2480 at 75 for one
 By one State Note for Silver money
 on Interest for } 129-0-0
 2973-11-1

The Town's Credit for the year 1781 Cr
 Returned in the former Select
 men's hands 2148-13-

Remains in Constable Benj^a
 Davis hands 260-4-

Remains in Constable Benj^a
 Forster's hands 542--

In Constable Thomas Roberts
 hands 26899-6-6

In Constable Jonathan Laigh-
 ton's hands 7160--

In Constable Wm McNeal's
 hands 19596--

In Constable Joseph Joyles
 hands 270-4-9

56476-8-3

Equal at 75 dollars for
 one in Silver to L 753-0-5

Raised in Collector George Place's
 list 1663-7 U Emission 415-15-9

1168-16-2

Raised in Collector George Place's
 list of hard money 122-18-1

Raised in Collector Paul Har-
 ford's list 1472-11-6 U Emission 368-2-6

Raised in said Harford's list of
 hard money 104-11-8

Raised in Collector John Vint's list
 for 1781 224-14-3

Raised in Collector John Burgin's
 list for 1781 201-10-

Raised in Collector Thos Roberts
 list for the land tax of the
 non-resident proprietors of sd
 Town for the year 1781 } 196-16-8
 £ 2387-9-4

By a Act received by Mr Jaber
 Dams from the State Treasurer
 for Soldiers Wages 747-6-6 U Emission equal to } 186-16-7
 £ 2574-5-11

To a Balance due to the Select
 men by adjustment 399-5-2
 2973-11-1

The foregoing is the true state of the
 Town's proceedings through the year
 both Debt & Credit for the year 1781 as
 kept & returned by us this 25th day of
 March 1782

Ben^t Tebbetts
 Jacob Hanson } Selectmen
 Beneser Wentworth

Having cast the counterpins and exam-
 ined the foregoing account Debt and
 Credit we find them well adjusted and
 appears to us to be a fair, honest and

just account as delivered to us by the
Selectmen.

Rochester, March 25th 1782

Richard Place } Commissioners.
Ephraim Kimball }

Recorded for Josiah Main, Town Clerk.
State of New Hampshire } To the freeholders and in-
habitants of the Town of
Strafford & Rochester, such as are legal
voters in Publick Town Meetings.

You are hereby notified of a Publick
Town Meeting to be holden in the meet-
ing house in said Rochester on Monday
the 25th of this instant March at ten
o'clock in the forenoon then and there
to act on the following particulars -
First To choose a Moderator to regulate said
meeting.

2^d To choose all Town Officers as the Law
Directs

3^d To see what sum or sums of money
the Town will vote for the support of schools
for the present year.

4th To see what sum or sums the Town
will vote for the repairing the Highways
this year

5th For the Town to choose one suitable
person within said County for a County
Treasurer and Recorder of Deeds the
present year. Also to do any Town bus-
iness the Town may think necessary

when convened.

Given under our hands at Rochester
this ninth day of March 1782.

Ebenezer Tabbetts }
Ebenezer Wentworth } Selectmen
Jacob Hanson }

At a legal Town Meeting holden in
Rochester this 25th day of March 1782
1 John Plummer Esq Chosen Moderator of
said meeting

2 Josiah Main Chosen Town Clerk
Wm^r Eben^r Tabbetts

3 Ebenezer Wentworth } Chosen Selectmen
Jacob Hanson } for the present year

4 Capt Wm Mc Duffee } Assessors for the
Capt John Brewster } present year.

5 Lt Richard Place } Chosen Commissioners
Ephraim Kimball }

Alexander Hodgdon Jun^r } George Weder
Benjamin Hayes } Lt Samuel Vite

Ens Schabod Colson } Joseph Plummer } Chosen
Samuel Twombly } Samuel Robinson } Surveyors
Edward Rollins } Samuel Haighton } of the

6 Thomas Roberts } Capt Daniel Mc Duffee } Highways
Capt David Place } Moses Horn }

William Jenness
James Chesley

Mordecai Garney
Samuel Austin

Benjamin Copp
Simon Torr

- Lt Daniel McDuffee
 Wmsey Gould
 8 Silas Darn
 Zebulon Davis
 John Ham
 Samuel Vute
 Lt Timothy Roberts
 9 John Walker
 Richard Walker
 Josiah Wentworth
 10 Peter Horn
 Zebulon Darn
 11 William Ellis
 Joseph Thompson
 12 Voted that a single poll shall be allowed
 one half dollar pr day to work on Highways
 & repairing of Bridges the present year
 and the estates to be computed accord-
 ingly.
 13 It was put to vote to see if the town
 will raise money for the support of
 schools the present year.
 And Voted in the Negative.
 14 Voted that Thos W. Waldron Esq^r is
 chosen County Treasurer and Recorder of
 Deeds for this County and the Meeting
 adjourned to the first Monday in June.
 Monday June the 1st met according to
 adjournment.
 15 Voted that Messrs Col John McDuffee
 Barnabas Palmer and Faber Darn are

Chosen
Field Drivers

Chosen Tything men

Fence Drivers

Hog Reiths

chosen a committee in behalf of the
 Town to examine the Towns accounts
 exhibited to the Town at the opening
 of the annual meeting and to bring
 a report of their so doing on the ad-
 journment of this Meeting.

The Meeting adjourned to the first
 Monday in July.

July 1st met according to adjourn-
 ment.

Then the above named Committee
 appearing in the Meeting and presents a
 satisfactory account of their proceedings
 to the Town which is as followeth.

Upon a further examination of the Towns
 Acts by the Selectmen and Commissioners
 exhibited to the Town last March it ap-
 pears that there was an error of judgment
 of the depreciation of the money mentioned
 in said account of

138- 14-9

A mistake of 150 bushels of corn @ 68 45-10.

A mistake in one Treasurers Act. 35- 10-5

Which sum is to be deducted out of 219- 15-2

The Balance due to the Selectmen
 in March last.

Still remains a balance due to
 the Selectmen

179- 10-0

Recd one State Vote in the Towns
 hands

129- 0-0

Remains due to the Selectmen 50- 10-0

July 1, 1782 Eben^r Tabbetts
 Josiah Wentworth } Selectmen

The Committee on the Town Accounts report that the above examination and amendment is what appears to them to be just and true

Jabez Dame
John McDuffee } Committee
Barnabas Calmer }

Rochester July 1st 1782

17 Voted that Samuel Twombly Jun^r and William Wingate is Chosen Surveyors of Highways the present year.

18 Voted that Thos Roberts be a Committee man to procure two soldiers to join the Continental Army for the term of three years.

The Meeting adjourned to the 12 day in August August 12th Met according to adjournment and adjourned to the last Monday in October Monday October 28th Met according to adjournment.

19 Mr Jabez Dame chosen Clerk P. T.

20 Voted that Mr Moses Roberts is Chosen Collector of the Tax of non-resident Proprietors land for the year 1782.

21 Voted that Mr John Vute is Chosen Constable for the year 1782.

22 Voted that Mr George Place is Chosen Tynthing man for the present year.

Voted that this Meeting is dissolved.

Recorded by Josiah Main Town Clerk.

State of New Hampshire } To the Freeholders and Inhab-
Stafford S. S. } itants of the Town of Rochester
such as are legal voters in Pub-
lick Town Meetings in said Town.

You are hereby notified of a Publick Town Meeting to be holden in the Meeting house in said town on Monday the ninth day of December next at one of the clock P. M. then and there to act on the following business.

To choose a Moderator to regulate said Meeting

2 To elect one person having a real estate of the value of two hundred pounds lawful money within this State to represent them in the General Assembly to be holden at Portsmouth in said State

on the third Wednesday in December next at three of the clock in the afternoon to empower such representative for the term of one year from their first meeting

To transact such business & to pursue such measures as they may judge necessary for the publick good and particularly to empower such representative to vote in choice of delegates for the Continental Congress.

Also to choose two persons having a real estate of two hundred pounds to serve as members of the Council the ensuing year

3 To see if the Town will vote to hire a Grammar school Master through the year to prevent paying a large fine for

the neglect of the same as the Town is presented for the neglect of said school. For the town to hear the purposed Constitution & see if the Town will vote to accept of the same & if not to make what amendments they may think proper.

Also to do any business for the Town's good when convened. Given under our hands at Rochester this 23rd day of November 1782

Ebenezer Tabbetts } Selectmen.
Jacob Hanson }

At a legal Town Meeting holden in Rochester in the Meeting House this ninth day of December 1782 - the following business was transacted.

1 John Plummer Esq Chosen Moderator of said meeting.

2 Voted that Col John McDuffee is chosen to represent the Town of Rochester in the General Assembly as mentioned in the above notification.

3 Voted that John Wentworth & George Frost Esqs are chosen to serve members of the Council for the ensuing year.

4 It was put to vote to see if the town will hire a Grammar School master through the year and it was voted in the affirmative & the meeting dissolved.

Recorded by Josiah Main, Town Clerk.

Treasury Office } Exeter July 21, 1781
New Hampshire } Recd of the Selectmen of

Rochester by the hands of Wm Tabbetts three thousand nine hundred & forty three pounds five shillings and seven pence old Currency in full payment of the balance due on the Taxes of said Town of Rochester for the year 1780.

Or Ulick Gilman, Treasurer.

£34943-5-7.

State of New Hampshire Portsmouth Oct 4, 1781.

Received of Mr Joseph Allen, sixty nine gallons West India Rum being part of a tax on the town of Rochester agreeably to an Act of said State passed the 31st of August last past.

Oct 4 - 1781 Josh Wentworth

State of New Hampshire Portsmouth Jan 31, 1782

Received of the Selectmen, one hundred two gallons and a half West India Rum being in full of a tax on the Town of Rochester agreeably to an Act of said State passed the 31st of August last past.

Josh Wentworth

Treasury Office } Exeter March 7th 1783

New Hampshire } Received of the Selectmen of Rochester twenty seven pounds five shillings in specie, full for the balance of the first paper money tax of said Rochester for the year 1781.

In behalf Nicholas Gilman Esq^r
Treasurer

Wath^r Gilman Jun^r

Treasury Office Exeter, March 21st 1783.
 New Hampshire Received of the Selectmen
 of Rochester, two hundred & forty one pounds
 four shillings & nine pence less Emission
 in full for the balance of the last paper
 money tax of said Rochester for the year
 1781 in behalf of Nicholas Gilman Esq. Treas^r
 Nath^l Gilman Jun^r

£241-4-9

Rochester March 23rd 1784 Received of the
 Town of Rochester by the Selectmen, three
 hundred & twenty pounds lawful money
 being in full of my salary to the 29th
 of March 1783 for which I have given four
 different receipts bearing date March 23rd 1784
 Received by me

Joseph Haven

State of New Hampshire To Thomas Roberts one of the
 Constables of the Town of
 Strafford & Rochester in the State & Coun-
 ty aforesaid, Greeting:

Whereas there is one Lemuel Ripley &
 Margaret his wife together with one child
 late from Lebanon in the State of the
 Massachusetts Bay, but not long since
 now residing in Rochester - poor people -
 You are hereby required in the name
 of the Government to people of said State
 forthwith on sight hereof to warn the
 said Lemuel Ripley & Margaret his wife &
 together with their child to leave & depart

out of said Rochester forthwith; other-
 wise to be dealt with as the law directs
 whereof fail not and make a return of
 your doings as the law directs in such
 cases made and provided as soon as may
 be for which this shall be your suffic-
 ient Warrant. Given under our hands
 and seal at Rochester this fifteenth day
 of December Anno Domini 1780.

Cornabas Palmer

Jos Adams

Saml Vute

Selectmen

Strafford & S. December 20th 1780.

Pursuant to the within Warrant I
 have warned the within named Lemuel
 Ripley with his wife & child to leave and
 depart out of said Town as the law directs.

Thomas Roberts, Constable

Recorded per Josiah Main, Town Clerk.

The Town of Rochester's Act for 1782 Dr
 To a Balance due to the Selectmen

in last year's accts 60-10-0

Paid a Committee Esq^r Thompson
 & others for laying out Roads by a 4-4-0

Court order in 1780 per Rect
 Paid Sam^l Collins family for half
 his wages agreeable to an Act of the 17-8-0

Genl Court per Rect
 Paid Rev Joseph Haven part of his
 arrears for the year 1779 and 1780 60-0-0
 Paid in full for the first paper tax for 27-5-0

Paid the 2^d tax for 1781 $\frac{1}{2}$ 513-18-9 New
 Emission equal at four for one to 128-9-8 1/4
 Paid part of the State Tax for year
 year 1782 pr Rect 363-8-4
 Paid Jonathan Twombly and others
 for laying out a road from Wakefield
 Road to Stephen Wentworth's place 1-4-6
 Pr Account
 Paid John Ute for clothing Sally
 Berry from Dec. 1781 to April 1783 pr Rect 3-7-0
 Paid John Ute in full for keeping
 Sally Berry for the year 1781 2-10-3
 Paid James Knowles Esq^r for time &
 expenses attending the Convention at Concord Pr Account 34-6-0
 Paid William McNeal for collecting
 the Taxes for year 1780 as bid off do 5-2-0
 Vendue for 1299 dollars at 75 for one
 Paid Thomas Roberts for Warning Town
 Officers 0-6-0
 To the Drawbacks on the land tax
 for year 1781 65-10-10 1/2
 Paid an Execution recovered by Joseph
 Drown against the town of Rochester 33-11-8
 Paid Barnabas Palmer for expenses and
 charges in carrying on the law suit against Joseph Drown 27-17-0
 Paid the Clerk for Town services 3--6
 Paid Lt Richard Place a note hand
 for money hired for the Town use 2-12-5
 Paid Lt Richard Place for taking the inventory 2-5-

Paid said Place for taking the
 Inventory for year 1782 2-14-
 Paid Mr Jabez Dams two journeys
 to Exeter 1-4-
 Paid the Selectmen one journey
 to Exeter on Town's business - 12-
 To time & expense running the
 way from Mr Richard Uttles to } - 12-
 the highway near the Meeting House
 To Cash paid for writing paper - 10-
 To paid sundry soldiers back wages
 allowed by an Act of Court as pr their Receipts 186-2-5
 To making ratelists & counterkins 3--
 To making ratelists & counterkins
 for the land tax 1-16-
 To other Town services & expenses 4--
 To interest paid on £39 hired for
 the Town use from March 1782 to
 April 20th 1783 2-10-7
 1005-2-2 3/4
 Remains in Constable Benjamin
 Forst's hands for 1779 8-6-
 Remains in Constable Benj Dams
 hands for 1779 3-8-9
 Remains in Collector John Burgin
 hands 66-17-7
 Remains in Constable John Uttles
 hands for 1781 53-12-8
 Remains in Collector Paul Harford's
 hands for 1781 201-0-11

Remains in Constable We meals
hands 1780 6-19-2

Remains in Collector George Place's
hands for 1781 124-14-10

Remains in Collector Moses Roberts
hands for 1782 1532-12-5

Remains in Constable John Utes
hands for 1782 1137-12-5

Remains in the Selectmen's hands
428 U. Emission dollars at 1/8 32-2

4142-18-1 $\frac{3}{4}$

Rochester July 11th 1783.

The committee on the select-
men's accounts exhibited to the
Town Report that the returned
Balance due to the Selectmen of
By sundry errors in charge and
Value 13-4-1 $\frac{1}{2}$

leaves the remaining due but 5-8-
7-16-1 $\frac{1}{2}$

Jabez Dame
Barnabas Palmer } Committee
John W. Duffee

The Town's Credit Cr.
By two soldiers wages credited to the
Town by the Treasurer in the last
years accounts £107-18 U. E. 26-19-6

By sundry soldiers Bounty credited
by the Treasurer 322-9-5

Returned in Constable Benjamin
Forbes hands for 1779 8-6

Returned in Constable Benjamin
Dane's hands for 1779 3-8-9

Returned in Constable We meals
hands for 1780 16-4-6

Returned in Collector Paul Harford's
hands for 1781 288-12-4

Returned in Collector George Place's
hands 247-19-8

Returned in Collector John Utes
hands 119-8-5

Returned in Collector John Burgin's
hands 92-18-

Returned in Collector Thos Roberts
hands 33-1-3

1299-2-2

Raised in Constable John Utes
list for 1782 1238-8-

Raised in Collector Moses Roberts
list for 1782 1425-9-8

Raised in Collector Roberts land
tax list for 1782 166-9-2

4129-4-0

To a Balance due to the Selectmen
by adjustment 13-4-1 $\frac{1}{2}$

£ 4142-8-1 $\frac{1}{2}$

The foregoing Act is the true state of
the Town proceedings through the year
both debt and credit for the year 1782
as kept and returned by us this 21st day
of April 1783 - Eben^r Tabbetts } Selectmen
Jacob Hanson

having cast the Counterkins & examined the foregoing Act Debt & Credit we find them well adjusted and appear to us to be an honest just acct as delivered by the Selectmen

Richard Place Commissioner

Rochester April 21, 1783

Recorded By Josiah Wain Town Clerk
State of New Hampshire } To the Freeholders Inhabitants
of the Town of Rochester such
Strafford & S. as are legal Voters in Annual
Town meetings -

You are hereby notified of a Publick Town Meeting to be holden in the Meeting House in said Rochester on Monday the thirty first day of this instant March at 12 o'clock on sd day then & there to act on the following particulars. First

1st To choose a Moderator to regulate sd meeting
2nd To choose all Town Officers as the Law direct
3rd To choose a suitable person for a County Treasurer and a Recorder of Deeds within said County

4th To see what sum the Town will Vote for the support of a school or schools the present year.

5th To see what method & what sum the Town will Vote for repairing the high-ways the present year.

6th For the Town to take the Plan of Government under their serious consider-

ation and except of what they think proper & make objections to any part that they may think is unconstitutional as the returns of the Town is earnestly requested by the Convention for that business

7th To hear the request of a number of petitioners to see if the Town will Vote to set off the upper part of said Town for a distinct parish: Also to transact any other business the Town may think proper when convened. Given under my hand at Rochester this 15th day of March 1783.

By order of the Selectmen

Josiah Wain Town Clerk.

State New Hampshire } At a legal Town Meeting hold-
en in the Meeting House in
Strafford & S. Rochester on Monday the thirty first day of March 1783 of the Freeholders & inhabitants qualified by Law to Vote in Publick Town Meetings

1 John Plummer Esqr } Chosen Moderator
2 Josiah Wain } Town Clerk

messrs
Jacob Dams

3 Aaron Wingate } Chosen Selectmen
Capt John Brewster

4 James Adams } Chosen Commissioners.
Jacob Hanson

5 Capt Wm M^r Duffee } Chosen Assessors
En^r Schabod Colson

James Adams
Joseph Tebbetts
Alexander Hodgdon Jr
Lt Timothy Roberts
Barnabas Palmer
Benjamin Dam
6 Hinnel Bickford
Diamond Pearl
Pelotiah Calkin
Joseph Heard Jr
Mordecai Barney
Benjamin Copp
Joseph Plummer
Lehabod Hayes
David Watson
Richard Hilton

Chosen
Surveyors of
the Highways

7 Moses Jenness
Wentworth Hayes
Ephraim Wentworth
Lt Daniel Mc Neal

Chosen
Tything men

8 Mussey Gould
Caleb Jackson
George Hayes

Field Drivers

9 Peter Horn
Zebulon Dam

Fence Viewers

10 Wm Ellis
Joseph Thompson

Hogreeths

The Meeting adjourned to the 21 day of
April at two o'clock P. M.

April 21 Met according to adjournment
Voted that the Selectmen raise sixty

pounds for the support of a school the
current year

12 Voted that the highways should be
repaired by a tax the current year
and that the single poll should work
one day on said ways and are to be al-
lowed four shillings per day.

Voted that Lt Richard Place and Jabez
Dane are chosen to take an Inventory.
13 Voted that Thos W. Haldron is chosen
County Treasurer and Recorder of Deeds
for this County.

14 Voted that Col John McDuffee, Barnabas
Palmer & Jabez Dane are chosen a commit-
tee in behalf of the town to examine
the accounts exhibited to the Town at the
opening of the annual meeting & to bring
a report of their proceedings on the ad-
journment of this meeting.

15 Voted that the afore mentioned Com-
mittee are empowered in behalf of the
Town to examine into the affairs of sun-
dry persons who were imprisoned for non-
payment of Ministerial Taxes & to bring a
report of their proceedings on the ad-
journment of this meeting.

The Meeting adjourned to the 2^d day
in June at 3 of the clock P. M.

June 2^d Met according to adjournment.

16 Voted that Solomon Drown's Ministerial
Tax is taken off for the year 1780.

17 Voted that the Selectmen are impow-
ered in behalf of the Town to hire Collect-
ors to Collect the Town Taxes at as reason-
able terms as may be done.

18 Voted to accept of the plan of Govern-
ment as mentioned in the foregoing
notification as it now stands by seventy
two voters.

The Meeting adjourned to the 14th day in
July at three o'clock P. M.

July 14th Met according to adjournment.

19 Voted that Joseph Dame is chosen Sur-
veyor of highways the present year.

20 Voted that Benjamin Dame is chosen
Constable for the present year.

21 Voted that Lt John Jenness minis-
terial tax should be taken off and the
charges of his imprisonment to be al-
lowed back to him again.

22 Voted that Mr Barnabas Palmer is cho-
sen a Collector to collect a land tax of
the non resident proprietors of Rochester
& the meeting dissolved.

By Josiah Main Town Clerk.

State New Hampshire
Strafford ss To the freeholders inhabi-
tants of the Town of Rochester
such as are legal voters in
Publick Town Meetings

You are hereby notified of a Publick
Town Meeting to be holden in the
Meeting house in Rochester on Mon-

day the 13th day of October next at one
o'clock in the afternoon said day then
& there to act on the following business

1st To chuse a Moderator for said meeting

2nd To take the proposed plan of Government
under consideration and vote their minds
Whether the Executive Power of the State
shall be lodged in a person stiled a
Governor or in a President as chief mag-
istrate of the State

3rd To take under consideration a proposed
alteration of the eighth article in the
consideration of the United States re-
specting & the proportioning the Conti-
nental Taxes and pass such votes or give
such instructions to our Representative
as shall be necessary thereon.

4th To act on a Petition from the upper
part of the town requesting that the
Rev^d Joseph Haven should preach among
them - Agreeable to former votes of the
Town or grant them some other relief
that shall be reasonable and as the
second & third articles herein to be acted
on are of as great weight perhaps as any
heretofore acted on. Therefore its desired
that all concerned would attend at time
& place. Given under our hand at Roches-
ter this 27th day of September, 1783.

Jab^l Dame

Garoy Wingate

Selectmen

At a legal Town Meeting holden in the meeting house in Rochester this 13th day of October 1783, the following business was transacted: Viz:

1st John Plummer Esq^r Chosen Moderator of said meeting.

2 It was put to Vote to see if the Town will accept of the plan of Government as it now stands at present and it was voted by thirty six votes & not one appearing in the Negative.

3 The third article mentioned in the foregoing Notification not acted on this time.

4 It was put to Vote agreeable to the foregoing Notification to see if the Rev Joseph Haven should preach some Sabbaths at the uppermost part of the Town where the Petitioners shall appoint most convenient & it was Voted in the affirmative.

And the meeting adjourned to the 20th day of October at three o'clock P. M.

October 20th Met according to adjournment And the meeting adjourned to the 27th day in October.

October 27 met according to adjournment and the third article mentioned in the Notification was Voted in the Negative & the meeting dissolved.

Recorded by Josiah Main Town Clerk

The Town's Account for 1783 On Credit Returned. In Constables & Collectors hands on Settlement March ye 30th 1783.

In Constable Benjamin Dams hands of his list 1779 3-8-9

In Benjamin Forses hands of his list for 1779 8-6-0

In William McKeals hands of his list for 1780 6-19-2

In John Burgins hands of his list for 1781 66-17-7

In George Placer hands of his list for 1781 124-14-10

In John Vites hands of his list for 1781 53-12-8

In Paul Harford's hands of his list for 1781 201-0-11

In Moses Roberts hands of his list for 1782 1502-12-5

In John Vites hands of his list for 1782 1137-12-5

Raised in Collector Palmers land tax list for 1783 66-6-2

Raised in sd Palmers list for the year 1783 623-12-5

Raised in Constable Benjamin Dams list for 1783 577-13-7

4372-13-11

The Town's Debt or way said money is disposed of or remains.

Paid for a journey to Exeter after paper wanted by the Committee on the Selectmen's accounts last year } 0-12-0

Paid a sum allowed by the Committee to Lt John Jenness & Elijah Barney on account of their being imprisoned } 4-0-0

Paid some expenses of sd committee settling with Jenness & Barney & also the former Selectmen's Accts } 6-0

Paid a Bounty to several soldiers allowed by the General Court viz } 93-10-11

Daniel Watson, John Garlin Benjamin Force and Ephraim Ham

Paid Jonathan Haighton for sundry persons rated in his Town list which for reasons were taken off } 4-0-0

Paid an Extent from the Treasurer against the Town for the Balance of a tax due for year 1781 } 66-11-5

Paid for making Ratelists & Counterpins } 3-12-
172-12-4

Paid Schabod Hayes part of a Note he had against the Town } 25-13-11

Paid for taking an Inventory of the Stock & Improved & Unimproved land & returning the same pr order of Court } 5-8-0

Paid for two journeys to Exeter to settle Extents against the Town } 1-4-0

Paid for making hand Tax lists and Counterpins } 1-4-0

Paid James Knowles two journeys to Concord to Convention } 5-6-0

Paid John Ute in full of a Balance for keeping Town Charges } 4-12-3

Paid for Districting Surveyors & making lists } 1-10-0

Paid John Ute for warning Town Officers for 1782 } 8-6-0

Paid the Clerk for drawing, warning and returning 26 Jurors } 2-12-

Paid Rev Joseph Haven the Balance in full of his Salary for 1781 } 38-5-4

Paid Rev - Haven in part of his Salary for 1783 } 5-9-7

Paid Rev Joseph Haven in full of his Salary for the year 1782 } 80-0-0

Paid John Ute for Collecting the 2nd Tax for the year 1781 pr agreement } 1-11-0

Paid John Ute for clothing Town Charges in 1782 } 1-0-6

Paid Stephen Starbord in part for keeping Sally Berry one year. } 1-10-0

Paid an attorney for advise & for drawing three Extents on delinquent Constables } 1-16-0

Paid Richard Hilton for hauling 2 loads of wood to the Widow Weymouth's Drawbacks in Constable John Ute's list for 1781 } 8-0-0

Drawbacks in Benjamin Forbes Gate
list for year 1779 0-7-4

To writing paper for the Town's use
through the year 0-4-0

To the Selectmen's services times
expense settling through the year 6-10-0

Paid the Commissioners for cast-
ing the Counterpins and examin-
ing the accounts 1-4-

In the Selectmen's hands in Ar-
tificates & orders on the Treasurer 26-10-9
464-12-

There is in Constables & Collectors' hands
March 29th 1784 the following sums

In Benjamin Dams hands of his list
1779 3-8-9

In William Weale's hands his list
1780 6-19-2

In John Burgin's hands his list
1781 66-17-7

In Paul Harford's hands his list
1781 201-0-11

In George Place's hands his list
1781 124-14-10

In John Vute's hands his list
1782 953-13-3

In Moses Robert's hands his list
1782 1340-11-4

Remains in Collector Barnabas

Palmer's list for year 1783 599-19-9

Remains in Collector Palmer's hand 66-6-2

Remains in Constable Benjamin
Dams list for 1783

568-19-10

3932-11-7

464-12-0

4397-3-7

4372-16-11

Leaves a Balance due to the Selectmen 24-6-8
The foregoing Act is the true state of
the Selectmen's proceedings through the
year both Debt & Credit for the year 1783
as kept & returned by us this 29th day
of March 1784

Jabez Dams

Baron Wingate

John Brewster

Selectmen

Having cast the Counterpins & examined
the accounts we find them well adjust-
ed & is a fair & just account. Delivered
to us by the Selectmen

Jacob Hanson

James Adams

Commissioners

Rochester 29 of March 1784

Recorded by Josiah Main Town Clerk
State New Hampshire

The freeholders & other in-
habitants of the Town of
Strafford S. S. Rochester that are legal
voters in Publick Town Meetings

You are hereby notified of a Publick
Town Meeting to be holden in the
Meeting House in said Town on Mon-
day the twenty ninth day of this

instant March at ten o'clock in the forenoon of sd day then and there to transact the following business

- 1st To choose a Moderator for said meeting & town clerk for the year ensuing
- 2nd To vote for a President for said State with the qualifications required in the new Constitution to serve in said office for the term of one year from the first Wednesday in June next
- 3rd To vote for two Senators for the County of Strafford with the qualifications required to serve in said office for the term of one year from the first Wednesday in June next
- 4th To elect one person qualified agreeably to the directions of our new Constitution to represent the Town of Rochester for one year in the General Assembly to be held at Concord on the first Wednesday in June next
- 5th To vote for a County Treasurer and a Recorder of Deeds in & for said County for the year ensuing
- 6th To choose all Town Officers, necessary for the year ensuing
- 7th To vote what sum shall be raised for repairing highways the year ensuing & what shall be allowed the labourers & day
- 8th To vote what sum of money shall be raised for a school or schools the ensu-

ing year and if a sum voted to oblige the Selectmen or others appointed by a vote of the Town to expend the money voted for a school that way or else to pay the cost of a Presentment that may come upon the Town for the neglect thereof. And to transact any other legal Business that shall be necessary on said day and and as there is business of importance to be acted on before our usual Town Business can be done therefore its desired that all concerned would attend at time and place. Given under our hands at Rochester this thirteenth day of March Anno Domini 1784.

Jabez Dame
John Brewster } Selectmen of
Caron Wingate } Rochester

State New Hampshire } At a legal Town Meeting
Strafford Sh. in Rochester on Monday the
twenty ninth day of March 1784 of the
Freeholders & Inhabitants qualified by
law to vote in Publick Town Meetings
the following business was transacted
viz: John Plunkmer Esq Chosen Moderator
of sd meeting
2 Josiah Wain Chosen Town Clerk for the
present year.
3 It was unanimously Voted that the

Hon^{ble} Meshech Weare Esq is chosen President for the State of New Hampshire agreeable to the New Constitution to the number of two hundred & nine votes.

Attest Josiah Wain Town Clerk

Jabez Dame

Caron Wingate

John Brewster

Selectmen

4 The following gentlemen were voted for Senators viz:

Col Eben^r Smith of Meredith 161 Votes

John Wentworth Esq^r of Dover 92 Votes

Col John Waldron of Dover 67 Votes

5 Thos W. Waldron Esq^r Chosen County Treasurer & Recorder of Deeds for this County as mentioned in y^e notification

6 James Knowles Esq^r chosen to represent the Town of Rochester in General Assembly according to the foregoing notification

Jabez Dame

Caron Wingate

Capt John Brewster

Selectmen

8 Wm^l Duffee

Ens Schabod Corson

Assessors.

9 Jacob Hanson

James Adams

James Adams

Doc^r James Howe

Chosen

10 Joseph Pearl

Benj^r Dame

Joseph Hayes

Surveyors of the Highways

Joshua Holmes

Moses Roberts

Abner Hodgdon

Ens David Loughton

Daniel Kimball

Mordecai Farney

Benj^r Coff

Josh Plummer

Sam^l Loughton

Richard Tilton

11 Wentworth Hayes

Richard Walker

John Walker

12 Richard Place

John Place

Sam^l Twombly

Edward Collins

Mussey Gould

John Lute Jr

13 John Jeness

Silas Dame

William Ellis

Joseph Thompson

Chosen
Surveyors of the
Highways.

Typing Men

Fence Viewers

Field Drivers

Hogreeths

It was put to vote to see how many days work shall be laid on a single poll the present year for repairing the highways and bridges through the Town the present year & voted that a single poll shall work one day on sd ways & to be allowed three shillings per day. Voted that there should be one hun-

dred dollars raised for the support of a school the present year.

& the Meeting adjourned to the 26 day of April next at two of the clock P. M.

April 25 Met according to adjournment & the following business was transacted
 Viz. John Vute Chosen Constable for the present year & the meeting dissolved.

State New Hampshire The freeholders & inhabitants of the Town of Rochester that Strafford ss. are legal voters in Town Meetings You are hereby notified of a Town Meeting to be holden in the Meeting House in said Town on Monday the 18th day of this instant October at one of the clock in the afternoon said day then & there to act on the following particulars
 First to choose a Moderator for sd meeting
 2nd To hear a petition from a number of inhabitants of this Town and Middleton requesting a road laid out from the road leading to New Durham near Frenches & so in by Mr Samuel Haightons to said Middleton or where it can be got best to accommodate the Publick and vote the Prayer of said Petition if agreeable.

3rd To consider on a request of Mr Sam^l Palmer as he has been at considerable cost in making a new road through his land up by his Mills to accommo-

date the publick & suffered considerable damage otherways To see if the Town will vote to give him the land cross road at the southwesterly end of his land as a compensation for said new road & To hear a request of Mr Daniel Cook lately a soldier in the Continental Army to see if the Town will vote to give him sixty pounds which he thinks is his due by reason of the Town claiming him for during the War after the first three years that the Town agreed with him for was ended. Or to consider & act otherwise on the above articles & all concerned are desired to attend at time & place. Given under our hand at Rochester this 9th day of October, 1784.

Jabez Tame

John Brewster

Caron Wingate

Selectmen

At a legal Town Meeting holden in the Meeting House in Rochester the 18th of October 1784 - First

John Dummer Esq Chosen Moderator of sd Meeting.

2 Voted that the Selectmen lay out a road from the road leading to New Durham near Frenches and in by Mr Samuel Haightons to Middleton provided the individuals which own the land will give the land for a road.

3 Voted to give Samuel Palmer the pland Cross road at the southwesterly end of his land as a compensation for a new road which he has lately made as far as his land now extends.

The fourth article mentioned in the Notification relative to Mr Cook's request not acted on & the meeting dissolved.

Recorded by Josiah Main, Town Clerk.
State of New Hampshire of the Town of Rochester that Strafford ss are voters in Publick Town Meetings - You are hereby notified of a meeting to be holden in the meeting house in Rochester on Monday the 27th day of this instant December at one o'clock P.M. then & there to act on the following particulars (viz)

1st To choose a Moderator for sd meeting
2nd As the several bridges across the river in said town are got old & torn to pieces by the late freshets to consider on some methods for the building or repairing said bridges again either by a tax on the Town in General or by districting according to the bridges and to chuse some suitable person or persons to estimate the cost of sd bridges and the Selectmen to district the Town accordingly or to consult on any other method the Town may think proper.

3 To hear the petition of Messrs Benjamin Cops, John Cloutman, Timothy Ricker, Anthony Rollins with thirty two more signers in their behalf praying that the Town would interpose in their behalf that the road lately laid out through their lands by a Committee from Court might not be established as a road or vote them such compensation as shall be equivalent to the damage they receive by the road going through their land and if the Town think proper to chuse some suitable person to attend the Sessions in January that the return of said road may not be recorded
4 By the request of the above petitioners for the Town to lay out a road from Mr John Cloutman's down by the side of Mr Thomas Card's land to the road laid out by said Committee which the owners of said land will generously give and it will accomodate the Publick as well as the other without damage to individuals or cost to the town and then down said road to Mr James Adams if the Town shall think proper.

5 If the Selectmen should agree with some suitable person to collect the tax on the North District of the Town and also the tax on the non residents lands for 1784 that the Town may chuse him.

that he may be sworn into office that he may receive the lists.

And as this meeting will be of great consequence or cost to the Town it is desired that all concerned would attend Given under our hands at Rochester this 17th day of December 1784.

Laber Dame } Selectmen of
John Brewster } Rochester.

At a legal Town Meeting holden in the Meeting House in Rochester the 27th day of December 1784 - First.

Voted that John Plummer Esq^r is chosen Moderator of said meeting.

2^d It was put to vote to see if the town would do any thing concerning the bridge as it is specified in the Notification.

And voted in the affirmative

3^d Voted that there should be six bridges built this year (viz) Springlass, Norway Plains, Little Falls, Heath Brook, Squamaneponnick and the bridge over the river near Mr Joseph Walkers.

4th Voted the Selectmen estimate the cost of said bridges and to district the Town accordingly.

Further voted to build the bridge at the branch of the river near Moses Chamberlains and also the bridge at the Dock.

Voted that Messrs Col. John McDuffee, Lt Samuel Vute, Capt William McDuffee,

Samuel Haighton, Joseph Plummer, Lt Eben^r Ricker, James Adams, Capt David Place are chosen Surveyors to carry on the building of sd bridges.

Voted that Lt Samuel Vute is chosen agent for this town to attend at the next General Sessions of the Peace to be holden at Dover to intercede with the Court that the road lately laid out by a Committee from said Court through the land of Messrs Benjamin Copes, John Cloutman, Timothy Ricker and Anthony Rollings may not be established as a road.

Voted that Lt Richard Place is chosen for to collect the tax on the North District of the town and the tax on the non-resident lands for the year 1784.

And the meeting dissolved.

Recorded by Josiah Wain, Town Clerk.
The Towns Account for 1784 By Credit Return ed in Constables & Collectors & Selectmens' hands March 30, 1785.

In Benjamin Davis hands of his list for 1789

3-8-9

In William Mcneals hands his list for 1780

6-19-2

In Ens John Burgins hands for year 1781

66-17-

In Paul Hartfords hands for year 1781

201-0-11

In George Places hands for 1781

124-14-10

In Collector Barnabas Palmer's
hands for 1783 599-13-9

In Collector Palmer's land tax
list for 1783 66-6-2

In Constable Benjamin Dams
list for 1783 568-19-18

In Constable John Vute's list
for 1782 953-13-3

In Collector Moses Roberts list
for 1782 1348-11-4

In the Selectmen's hands in
Certificates & orders 96-18-18

In the Selectmen's hands 426
dollars New Emission at 1/6^d as they
were received 31-19-0

Raised in Constable John Vute's
list for 1784 357-12-7

Raised in Collector Richard Place's
list for 1784 398-7-6

In Collector Place's list for the
land tax for 1784 40-14-11

4857-18-5

The way said money is disposed of for the
hands it remains in

Paid a Balance due to the Selectmen
on settling the town's accounts
for the year 1783 24- -

Paid the State Treasurer towards
the tax for year 1782 99- -

Paid the State Treasurer toward
the tax for 1783 67-12-1½

Paid Mrs Hannah Wain in part of
a Vote against the town 6-0-0

Paid the Widow Mary Dame in full of a
Balance due for keeping Joseph Rollings
in year 1779 3-17-0

Paid Mr Dame for clothing sd Rol-
lings through the year 2-8-0

Paid Stephen Starbord for keeping
Sally Berry fifteen months from
the first day of January 1784 6-0-0

Paid Stephen Starbord for clothing
Sally Berry fifteen months 1-5-1

Paid the State Treasurer in part
towards tax for 1782 132-9-11

Paid Mr George Place for collecting a
tax for year 1781 ^{\$}10-16-0 New
Emission per agreement equal in silver to 10-4-0

Drawbacks in said Place's list ^{\$}89-1-0

New Emission equal to 9-15-3

Drawback in sd Place's Specie tax for
year 1781 1-12-0

Paid two journeys to Exeter to pay the
Treasurer 1-4-0

Paid May^r Eben^r Tebbetts in full of a bal-
ance returned due to Selectmen on
Settlement Town's Acct 1782 7-16-1

Drawbacks in Benjamin Dams
list of 1779 8-9-6

Paid Benjamin Dam for collecting
a tax for 1779 5-5-0

Paid Mr Eben^r Place a bounty allowed

the Town by the General Court for his
son going in the Army in the year 1777 3-3-0

The Selectmen one day at the Ses-
sions on the account of Mr Leby &
Mr Horns Presentment of the roads 0-12-0

To the Selectmen one day with Sur-
veyor laying out a road from the
road by John Cloutman's down to
the old wheel way that runs down
by the Bull Ring so called 0-15-0

Paid Lt Vute an agent for the Town
to attend at the sessions against
the roads going through Benjamin
Copp's & other's land as laid out by a
Committee 3-12-0

Paid half the expenses of an Arbi-
tration with George Place & Paul
Hartford on account of settlement
their ratelists for 1781 4-13-0

Paid the expenses that arose by a
Citation from the General Court
to the Town to answer Mr George
Place and Paul Hartford Collectors
for the year 1781 12-16-6

Paid some expenses at the Court
of Quarter Sessions supporting
the Presentment Mr Samuel
Palmer for flowing the road to
Wakefield &c 3-9-

Paid Mr Jonathan Dam for
trouble in sickness and cost in

burying Jean Going providentially
cast on him 3-0-0

Paid sd Dame some expenses he
was at in getting a Proprietors meet-
ing on account of the Proprietors
Rebids that they might be brought
into Town 1-11-6

Paid for warning Joseph Bickford
late from Lexington out of town 0-8-0

Paid Rev Joseph Haven in full of a
Balance for the year 1783 74-10-5

Paid Rev Joseph Haven in part of
his salary for the year 1784 31-2-3

Paid Mr Aaron Wingate the sum
charged to sundry persons in their
Rates of 1783 for their proportion of pro-
curing a soldier in the class which
he supplied one with 5-11-10

For making Ratelists & Counterpins
for the State and Town Tax 3-12-0

For making Surveyors lists and
districting Surveyors 1-10-

For making land tax lists & Coun-
terpins 1-4-

Paid for 3 load of wood hauled without
Keymouth @ 10s pr load 1-10-

For writing paper for the towns bus-
iness through the year 0-4-

Paid General Sullivan for writing
& advice at sundry times 1-16-

Paid Col Dam for services for the town 7-13-0

Paid Town Clerk for drawing warning
 and returning 27 jurors at 2 each 2-14-0
 To 2 counterfeit Certificates one \$10-0-0
 the other \$10-0-0 21-11-3
 In the Selectmens hands 1765
 dollars New Emission at 136¢ per dollar
 as they were received 132-7-6
 In the Selectmens hands in Cer-
 tificates, orders and cash 123-8-10½
 The Selectmens services, time and
 expenses settling 6-10-
 Commissioners time in casting
 Counterpins and examining the
 accounts 1-4-
 822-19-1
 There Remains out standing in Constables
 and Collectors hands
 In William We meals hands his
 list for year 1780 6-19-2
 In John Burgins hands his list
 for 1781 66-17-7
 In Paul Hartfords hands for 1781, 201-0-11
 In John Vutes hands for 1782 614-4-4
 In Collector Moses Roberts hands
 his list for 1782 1171-16-8
 In Collector Barnabas Palmer's
 his list for 1783 633-19-3
 In Constable Benjamin Darn's hands
 for 1783 542-18-5
 In Constable John Vutes list of 1784, 357-12-7
 In Collector Richard Place's list of 439-2-5
 1784 11021-11-4

7534-11-4
 822-19-1
 4857-10-5

The foregoing Act is the true state of
 the Town's proceedings through the year
 both Debt and Credit for the year 1784
 as kept & returned by us this 28th day of
 March 1785.

Jabez Dame
 Aaron Wingate } Selectmen
 John Brewster

Having cast the Counterpins & examined
 the accounts both Debt & Credit we find
 a fair & just account delivered us by the
 Selectmen.

Jacob Hanson } Commissioners
 James Adams

Rochester March 28, 1785

Recorded by Josiah Wain, Town Clerk
 State New Hampshire } The Freeholders & other inhab-
 Strafford S.S. } itants of the Town of Roches-
 ter that are legal voters in
 Town Meetings - You are hereby notified
 of a Publick Town Meeting to be holden
 in the Meeting House in said Town on
 Monday the twenty eighth day of this
 instant March at ten o'clock in the
 forenoon then & there to transact the
 following business - First
 To choose a Moderator and Town Clerk
 for said meeting.
 2nd To vote for a President for said State

to act in said office for the term of one year from the first Wednesday of June next.

3rd To vote for two Senators for said County to serve in said office one year from the first Wednesday of June next.

4th To choose one person to represent said Town in the General Assembly of this State for one year from the first Wednesday of June next.

5th To vote for a County Treasurer for the year ensuing.

6th To vote for a Recorder of Deeds in & for said County for the year ensuing.

7th To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year.

8th To vote what sums shall be raised for repairing highways this present year & what shall be allowed per day. And to do any other legal business that shall be necessary on said day & all concerned are desired to attend at time and place given under our hands at Rochester this twelfth day of March Anno Domini 1785.

Jabez Dame

Caron Wingate

John Brewster

Selectmen of
Rochester.

At a legal Town Meeting holden in the Meeting House in Rochester on March 28th 1785 the following business was transacted. Viz:

Voted that James Knowles Esq^r is chosen Moderator of said meeting.

2nd Josiah Main Town Clerk.

3rd The Voters present voted for the following persons for a President (viz) George Atkinson Esq^r 86 votes, Col John Langdon 66 votes, General John Sullivan 27 votes. Those for Senators James Knowles Esq^r 139 votes, Capt David Copp 91 votes, John Wentworth Esq^r 23 votes, Col John Waldron 0 votes.

4th Voted that Capt Thos W. Waldron is chosen County Treasurer & Recorder of Deeds.

5th Voted that James Knowles Esq^r is chosen to represent this town in the General Assembly as specified in the notification.

7th Voted to accept of the Towns Acts as rendered to the Town by the Commissioners and the Selectmen of sd Town.

8th Voted that Jabez Dame is chosen first Selectman.

9th Voted that this meeting is adjourned to the 29th day of this instant March at ten o'clock A.M.

March 29th Met according to adjournment and the following business was transacted.

Viz. 10th Voted that Jacob Hanson & Samuel Haighton are chosen Selectmen for the present year.

11th Ensⁿ Schabod Corson } Chosen Assessors
Do^r James How

12 Ephraim Kimball } Chosen Commissioners
Richard Dame

Ensⁿ James Mc Duffee

Richard Furber Jr

Jonathan Dame

Benjamin Dame

Barnabas Palmer

Ensⁿ Schabod Corson

Samuel Wingate

13 Capt David Place

Benjamin Furber

Robert Walker

Jonathan Wentworth

Benjamin Copp

Joseph Plummer

Mordecai Farney

Lt Eben^r Ricker

Morris Ellis

14 Ensⁿ John Burgin } Surveyors of Lumber
Silas Dam

Joseph Dame

Moses Chamberlain

Timothy Corson

Lt Timothy Roberts

Reuben Heard Jr

Paul Jenness

Surveyors of
Highways.

Fything men

Peter Horn

Benjamin Hayes

Lebbon Dame

Edmund Wingate

Edward Rollins

Murray Gould

John Lute Jun^r

Joseph Hayes

James Place

Joseph Thompson

Jonathan Ellis

Fence Viewers

Field Drivers

Agreeths

Voted that there shall be two days work laid on the single polls the present year for repairing of highways and bridges in the Town and they are to be allowed 3 shillings a day finding themselves materials to work with.

Voted that the Selectmen call on the former Surveyors to settle up their lists. The meeting adjourned to the first Monday in May next which will be at 3 of the clock P. M.

May 2nd 1785 Met according to adjournment and the following business was transacted Viz

Voted that the Selectmen hire some suitable person or persons to collect the taxes the present year on as reasonable terms as they can agree

Voted that the Selectmen raise money to hire schools the present year.

Voted that this meeting is dissolved.

Recorded By Josiah Main, Town Clerk.
State of New Hampshire { The freeholders & inhabitants of
Strafford & legal voters in Publick Town
Meetings - You are hereby notified of a Publick
Town meeting to be holden in the Meeting
house in sd Town on Monday the first day
of August next at one of the clock P.M. then &
there to act on the following business. First
To choose a Moderator for said meeting.

2nd To vote for one suitable person for a County
Treasurer.

3rd To vote for a Recorder of Deeds for sd County.

4th By a verbal request of Mr Samuel Twombly
to see if the Town will except of a road in
through his lands to the four rod road at
the North easterly end of his lands & then make
said four rod road passable to Gardins Mills
so called.

5th To hear a petition from a number of inhab-
itants praying that the ten rod road from
the widow Mary Dams to the head of the
Town might be opened and made passable
and if any part of said ten rod road is
unpassable by mountains or otherwise to ex-
change it or purchase another as the Town
shall think proper.

6th To hear a petition praying for a road from
Uderborough to the road of the Town partly
in the pland road and partly through private

property as set forth in sd petition.

To hear the Petition praying that the
Town would procure them a road up
through Mr John Pikes land to the road
in Dear^m Knowles & also from Dear^m Knowles
to Squamamegonick Mills - the necessity
therefore set forth at large in the petitions.
To hear two petitions praying that the
Town would procure them a road through
Mr Ephraim Pams land where he lives
the great necessity thereof as set forth in
said petition. It is desired that all persons
concerned would attend at time and place
Given under our hands at Rochester the
15 day of July 1785

Jabez Dame, Selectmen
Jacob Hanson

State New Hampshire { At a legal Town Meeting holden
Strafford & in the Meeting house in Rochester
in August the first day 1785.
Voted that John Plummer Esq is chosen

Moderator of sd meeting.

2 Voted that Col John W Duffee is chosen the
County Treasury by a number of 44 votes
3 Col John Waldron had 14 votes for a County
Treasury.

4 The following persons were voted for Recorder
of Deeds Jabez Dame 36 votes, Josiah Plummer 25
John B Hanson 9 votes.

5 Voted that Messrs James Knowles Esq Lt
Richard Place Henry Feltbets is chosen a com.

mittee to go and view the ground which Mr Samuel Twombly has offered for a road through his lands and if the said Committee shall think it best for the interest of the Town to lay out a road as mentioned in the foregoing notification: they are to make report of their so doing at the adjournment of this meeting.

Voted that ^{is chosen a committee} Col John McDuffee to open the ten rod road Capt David Place from the Widow Mary Dams to the head of the Town as mentioned in the foregoing notification and make return of their so doing on the adjournment of this meeting.

Voted that the ^{is chosen a committee to lay} Selectmen lay out a road from Uderborough to the head of the Town as specified in the notification and make a return of their so doing on the adjournment of this meeting.

Voted that the present Selectmen are appointed a Committee to procure a road up through Mr John Pike's land to the road by Dea^m Knowles & also from Dea^m Knowles to Squamamegonick Hills as they shall think it most for the interest of the Town and make a return of their proceedings on the adjournment of this meeting.

Voted that the present Selectmen are appointed a Committee to procure a road through Mr Ephraim Ham's lands as men-

tioned in the foregoing notification if they shall think it most for the interest of the Town and to make a return of their proceedings on the adjournment of this meeting.

And the Meeting adjourned to the 3^d day of October next.

October 3^d 1785 Met according to adjournment And the Committee appearing in the meeting and say that that they have been & taken a view of the ground which Mr Twombly has offered the Town for a road and two of said Committee report that it will be for the interest of the Town to lay open a road as is specified in the foregoing notification.

Voted to accept of a return of a road laid out by a Committee (viz) Col John McDuffee & others who were appointed to open the road from the widow Dams to the head of the Town as mentioned in the notification.

Voted to accept of the return of a road laid out from Uderborough to the head of the Town by the Committee appointed for that purpose.

Voted to accept the return of a road laid out by the Selectmen through John Pike's land &c - as specified in the notification who were appointed a Committee for that purpose. Or Josiah Main Town Clerk.

Voted that this meeting is dissolved.

Return of a Road

laid out a road in Rochester for and at the request of Col John W. Duffee, Capt John Brewster and Capt David Placé a committee appointed by said Town to lay out roads in said Town have laid out a road as follows viz: Beginning at a Hemlock tree marked on the new road laid out by said committee about three quarters of a mile from New Durham line then running south 20 degrees east 72 rods to a Beech marked J.C. then S 28 degrees E 22 rods to Hemlock, J.B. then S 43 D east 22 Rods to a Spruce marked L.C. then S 18 D E 3 W rods to a Beech marked D.P. then S 52 D E 20 rods to a Hemlock marked B.F. then S 30 D E 20 rods to a Hemlock marked Q then South 16 D E 12 rods to a Beech marked L then S 42 D E 38 rods to the north of William Ham's house then south 60 D E 43 Rods to a Spruce marked L then south 80 D E 29 rods to a Beech marked U then S 45 D E 29 rods to a Beech marked F then S 35 D E 11 rods to a Spruce marked C then S 60 D E 24 rods to a Hemlock marked P S 52 D E 10 rods to a Maple marked K then S 30 D E 8 rods to a Beech J.W. South 77 D E 12 rods to a Hemlock K then S 60 D E 7 rods to a hemlock marked A then S 48 D E 8 rods to a Maple marked R then South 62 D E 12 rods to a Cherry tree marked L.S. 60 D E 29 rods to a Hemlock marked S then S 87 D E 7 rods to a Spruce marked

U then S 45 D E 24 rods to a Hemlock marked G then S 9 D W 14 rods to a Spruce marked W then S 33 D W 20 rods to a Hemlock marked U then South 25 D W 10 rods to a Hemlock marked T then south 7 D W 32 rods to a Beech marked C South 79 D E 12 rods to a Hemlock marked D then S 56 D E 30 rods to a Beech marked B then S 64 D E 10 rods to a Beech marked H then south 27 D E 8 rods to a Beech marked C then south 2 D E 21 rods to a Hemlock marked O K then S 75 D E 35 rods to a Beech marked A K then S 45 D E 44 rods to a Birch Pine marked P then S 65 D E 10 rods to a Hemlock marked R then S 30 D E 50 rods to a Spruce marked E then South 44 D E 20 rods to a Beech marked U then S 75 D E 32 rods to a Beech J.D then south 87 D E 16 rods to a Beech marked A.B. then south 46 D E 17 rods to a Hemlock marked W.W then S 24 D E 24 rods to a Beech marked Z then S 8 D E 14 rods to a - market J.C. then S 44 D E 240 rods on the range road then U 84 D E 26 rods S 67 D E 20 rods E 20 rods S 37 D E 21 rods S 3 D W 12 rods S 20 D W 22 rods then S 14 D W 20 rods to the range road then following said road 52 rods to a Beech tree Uo 38 said new road is laid out three rods wide and the points laid down in this return is the middle of said road laid out September the 3rd 1785. John Cate Surveyor
Recorded March 25th 1786. Or Josiah Main

A Return of a Road.

laid out a road in Rochester for and at the request of Col^m John McDuffie, Capt John Brewster & Capt David Place a committee appointed by said Town have laid out a road as follows viz. Beginning at a black Birch stump on Rochester head line North east from Nathaniel Lods house where the way is now used then South 89° D. E. 180 rods S 75° D. E. 140 rods about 6 rods south from the Brick yard then N 60° D. E. 40 rods to Henry Russels land then S 67° D. E. 50 rods S 80° D. E. 80 rods to the west side of Mr Bennicks house then S 84° D. E. 80 rods then N 65° D. E. 20 rods then North 85° D. E. 14 rods S 54° D. E. 18 rods S. 77° D. 14 rods N 79° D. E. 40 rods to the Branch bridge then S 54° D. E. 20 rods S 78° D. E. 46 rods N 80° D. E. 20 rods S 60° D. E. 36 rods S 25° D. E. 40 rods S 64° D. E. 32 rods S 75° D. E. 42 rods S 65° D. E. 150 rods S 39° D. E. 40 rods to Joseph Roberts house then S 34° D. E. 20 rods then south 20 rods S 43° D. E. 28 rods S 10° D. W. 44 rods S 5° D. W. 30 rods S 5° D. E. 20 rods S 20° D. E. 20 rods S 38° D. E. 36 rods S 7° D. E. 5 rods S 20° D. W. 18 rods S 30° D. E. 6 rods S 70° D. E. 80 rods S 60° D. E. 20 rods S 44° D. E. 20 rods S 68° D. E. 13 rods North 80° D. E. 44 rods North 53° D. E. 30 rods S 80° D. E. 42 rods N 73° D. E. 40 rods N 58° D. E. 18 rods to the 10 rod road then following said road 142 rods to the North corner of Edmund Wingates land then S 15° D. E. 24 rods S 51° D. E. 40 rods S 83° D. E. 12

rods to the Ten rod road Said road is laid out three rods wide and the point in this return is the middle of said road and also begun at the east corner of Daniel McDuffies land on the south side of the Ten rod road nearest one degree North through the Second Division. So laid out, Rochester September 4th 1785. Recorded Per Josiah Main Town Clerk. John Cate Surveyor.

Return of a Road laid out by the Selectmen of Rochester by request of a number of inhabitants the 15th October 1784 for the benefit of the Town & other travellers that have business from Wakefield road down Salmon falls Road &c Beginning at the northerly corner of Thomas Cards land opposite John Cloutmans Tavern & running South 30° D. East 33 rods then South 52° D. E. 16 rods then South 40° D. E. 52 rods to Pitch Pine tree standing by the wheel way leading to the Bull Ring, &c called, and so down said Salmon falls Road. Said road is laid out four rods wide and on the northeasterly side of said line. Rochester 4th 15 Oct^r 1784th Jabez Dame } Selectmen
John Brewster }

U.S. The above return not being presented in its proper season is recorded in this page. Recorded Per Josiah Main Town Clerk.

Rochester, August the 8th 1785.

Then in pursuance of a vote of sd Town passed at a Town meeting legally warned & holden in the Meeting house in Rochester on Monday the first day of this instant August.

We have run out & surveyed a road or highway in that part of Rochester called Uderborough Beginning at a large stone set in the ground where the tree stood that was Uumbered for the bounds of the lot No 26 in the Second Division & from said stone we run North forty three degrees West till we came to the middle of the lot number sixty seven in said Second Division leaving the road on the north east side of said line & spotted trees. Run out the day & year above said by us

Samuel Loughton } Selectmen
Jacob Hanson }
Recorded By Josiah Wain, Town Clerk.

Rochester October 1785

Then by virtue of a vote of said Town we have preambulated or new run a part of a highway or road in said Town Beginning at the root of a Pitch Pine tree turned up by the roots which tree when standing was the reputed bounds of the Second Division lot number 119 drawn to the original right of Enth Israel Hodgdon and from

said tree or root we run south forty six and a half degrees West as far as Barvington line leaving said road on the North West side of said line spotting trees where any and sticking stakes in the ground to ascertain said road. Run out the day and year above said by

Jacob Dame } Selectmen
Jacob Hanson }
Recorded By Josiah Wain, Town Clerk.

Rochester October 4th 1785

Pursuant to a vote of said Town passed in the Meeting house in said Town on the third day of this instant October we have proceeded to straighten and ascertain the dimensions of the road from the Norway Plains brook to the bridge over the river by the upper Saw Mill on said Plain. Beginning at the Southwest corner of the bridge over said brook run from thence North 85 degrees West 43 rods then run North 37 degrees West 176 rods then turned and run South West to the river then begun at sd brook again four rods North East from where we begun on the other side and run North 85 degrees West to the Horse House then run a straight line from the Horse House to the South West corner of the Widow Mary Place land where her now dwelling house is

and from thence to the South West corner of Josiah Wentworth's now dwelling house then from the South Westerly corner of Peter Cushing's now dwelling house run westerly by Jon^s Morris an Josiah Folson's till it comes to the Westerly end of the house frame lately erected by Col John McDuffie & Jabez Dame Esq then run north to the Cove from the river leaving the land to the West & South of this last line to the river above where the 176 road was out on the other side for the use of the Mills & a Publick road. Then began at the North East corner of the sd Cushing's house & run a road due North till it comes into the road between the fourth and second divisions leaving said road four rods wide and on the east side of said line.

Laid out the day & year abovesaid by

Jabez Dame } Selectmen
Jacob Hanson }

Recorded By Josiah Wain, Town Clerk

State New Hampshire } The freeholders & inhabitants of the Town of Rochester that Strafford & are legal voters in Publick Town meetings.

You are hereby notified of a Publick Town Meeting to be holden in the Meeting house in sd Town on Monday the 3rd day

of October next at one of the clock in the afternoon on sd day at which day our late Town Meeting stands adjourned to then & there to act on the following business
1st To choose a Moderator for said meeting
2nd To hear and act on a petition of a number of petitioners of this Town praying that a road might be procured to accommodate the Petitioners & others either by purchase or exchange or both from Capt John Brewster's up to Wedderborough and choose a Committee for the purpose.

3rd To hear the request of two separate petitions the one from a number of inhabitants of this Town the other from Lebanon each praying that the Town would procure them a road from Garlins Mill out by Samuel Twombly's to the four rod road at the South Westerly end of said Twombly's lands as it is particular specified in sd petitions and to choose a committee and empower them to procure & lay out the same for a Publick road.

All concerned are desired to attend at time & place. Given under our hands at Rochester this 16 day of September 1785.

Jabez Dame } Selectmen
Jacob Hanson }

U.S. 4th To hear a petition desiring a committee chosen and empowered to lay out and to straighten the road from the Meeting

house to Norway Plains bridge & also the middle Town road as far as the Widow Barney's.

5th To see if the Town will except of the new road fenced out by Capt Goodwin from the meeting house privilege southerly free of expense in room of the four rod road by him fenced up &c

Jacob Dams

Jacob Hanson

State of New Hampshire
At a legal Town meeting
held in the meeting house
Straford S.S. in Rochester on Monday the
3^d day of October 1785 the following business
was transacted - First

John Plummer Esq Chosen Moderator of sd
meeting

2nd Voted that the present Selectmen be & hereby are appointed a Committee in behalf of the Town to lay open a road from Capt John Brewster's up to Uderborough if they shall think it beneficial for the interest of this Town and they are to make a return of their so doing at the adjournment of this meeting

3rd After some debates it was Voted that the present Selectmen be and hereby are appointed a Committee in behalf of the Town to lay out a road from Gardin's Mill so called out by Samuel Twombly's to the four rod road at the southwesterly end of

sd Twombly's land if they shall think it best for the interest of the Town and they are to make a return of their so doing at the adjournment of this Meeting
4th Voted that the present Selectmen are appointed a committee in behalf of the Town to straighten the road from the Meeting house to Norway Plains bridge and also the road leading to Middleton as far as the Widow Barney's as specified in the notification

5th It was put to Vote to see if the Town will except of the new road fenced out by Capt John Goodwin from the Meeting house privilege southerly free of expense in room of the four rod road by him fenced up and Voted in the affirmative.

6th Voted that this meeting be adjourned to the first Monday in November next which will be the 7th day of said month at the meeting house at Rochester at which time & place this Meeting is adjourned.

Rochester 7th of November, 1785 Met according to adjournment and the committee appearing in the Meeting and rendering an account of their proceeding it was put to Vote to see if the Town will accept of the returns of sd committee as read in the meeting by the Clerk & Voted in the affirmative. And the meeting dissolved.

Rochester 7th November 1785

Then pursuant to a vote of said town we have altered & laid out a piece of a road across part of the Second Division lot number 10 drawn to the right of John Dame Beginning at a small Red Oak tree by the fence at the end of a part of said lot now owned by Zebulon Dam nearly North from the house of Capt John Brewster & from said tree we run North 7 degrees East 13 rods then North 55 degrees West 7 rods then North 75 degrees West 4 rods then North 80 degrees West 17 rods into the pland road on the top of the hill leaving said road on the South of said line: the satisfaction for the damage we have agreed to give Joseph Dame one pound sixteen shillings and Zebulon Dam twelve shillings.

Laid out the day and year aforementioned by

Jaber Dame } Selectmen
Jacob Hanson }

Recorded By Josiah Main Town Clerk

Rochester 30th September 1785.

Then pursuant to a vote of said Town laying out & exchanging highways we have laid out a road for the use of the town Beginning at the road leading Northwesterly from James Knowles Esq between the lot of land Number 132 and

133 in the first Division taking two rods out of 122 and 11 rods out of 133 running 87 rods then turns & runs North 44 degrees West till it comes three rods beyond the middle of the lot number 132 then turns & runs North 17 degrees East 88 rods over land of En^{rs} Moses Hayes till it comes into the road that leads North Westerly by sd Moses Hayes now dwelling house all the parties concerned we have settled with except said En^{rs} Hayes to whom we offered a consideration the land left for a road at the south west end of the lot of land he now lives on & 31 rods in length of the said road against the lot No 129 which was then accepted.

Laid out the day and year abovesaid by

Jaber Dame } Selectmen
Jacob Hanson }

Recorded By Josiah Main Town Clerk

Rochester 3rd September 1785.

Then pursuant to a vote of said Town passed at a Town Meeting legally warned & holden in the Meeting house in said Rochester on Monday the first day of August last - We have run out a road or highway over part of the lot Number 102 in the first division now owned by John Pike Beginning at Dover head line at the end of the road that leads

beginning at a line stump on which
stands a tree marked by Doves head
then after setting of four rods from
said stump which is a cross road planned
on the west side of Rochester, the run of
20 rods then 22 rods then 20 degrees east
12 rods then 20 degrees east 12 rods then
20 rods into the pland road lead-
ing to the water by James Knowles Esq.
and we have given the said James Esq.
9 rods in length of the road pland
on the lower side of Rochester next Doves
line beginning at the north side of
Black Water brook running north easterly
said 9 rods as a satisfaction for said
road through his land and said road
is on the east side of said line and is
four rods wide.

Run out the day and year above said
by Jabez Danni

Samuel Kaighton } Selectmen
Jacob Hanson }

Recorded by Josiah Main, Town Clerk.

Rochester, 7th November 1785

Then pursuant to a vote of said Town
passed in the Meeting house in sd Town
on Monday the third day of October last
we have pland and run out a road
beginning at the pland road four rods

South West from the Bounds between the
lots numbered 50 and 61 in the fourth
division and from thence run South 80
degrees West 22 rods then run South 75
degrees East 34 rods which measure reaches
across and cuts off a corner of the first
division lot drawn to the original right
of John Usher Esq now owned & in possession
of James Adams leaving the road on the
south side of said line the damage for
which we have offered him seven pounds
ten shillings or twenty five dollars then
run South 45 degrees East 36 rods then
run South 22 degrees East 32 rods to the
first division lot drawn to original right
of Dea Gershom Wentworth which road
over the last mentioned lot is freely given
for the use of a public highway then
begin at the road leading North West by
James Adams on the North West side of
the lot drawn to the right of Gershom
Wentworth as above named and run
North Easterly as the wheel way is now
trod by Samuel Twombly's barn till
it comes again the line between the
said Wentworth's lot and the lot North
West of it then runs on the line be-
tween said lot till it comes into the 4
rod road at the end of said lot which
last road is freely given the use of the
Publick.

Laid out the day and year abovesaid by
 Ebenezer Dame } Selectmen
 Jacob Hanson }
 Recorded At Josiah Main, Town Clerk.

State New Hampshire } The freeholders & inhabitants
 of the Town of Rochester that
 Strafford & are voters in Publick Town Meet-
 ings are hereby notified of a Publick Town
 meeting to be holden in the meeting
 house on Monday the 31st day of this In-
 stant October at one o'clock in the after-
 noon said day then & there to act on
 the following business - First.

To chuse a Moderator for said meeting.
 2^d To consult on some general method for
 rebuilding the several bridges across the
 rivers where the old ones were carried
 away by the late flood of rain and to con-
 sider on what ones must be built immedi-
 ately & what ones may be put off while
 winter and also the manner - how they
 are to be built whether by voting an ad-
 ditional tax for repairing Highways which
 may be thought adequate with what was
 remaining in the former lists not laid
 out before the late freshet as will build
 said bridges and repair those way damaged
 by said freshet or any other ways that
 shall be thought best when convened
 together - And all concerned are desired

to attend at time & place
 Given under our hands at Rochester this
 29 day of October Anno Domini 1785

Sam^l Houghton }
 Ebenezer Dame } Selectmen
 Jacob Hanson }

State of New Hampshire } At a legal Town meeting hold-
 en in Rochester on Monday
 Strafford & the 31st of October 1785 the fol-
 lowing business was transacted. (viz)
 John Plummer Esq^r Chosen Moderator of sd
 meeting.

1st It was put to vote agreeable to the noti-
 fication to see if the Town will agree to re-
 build the bridges which were carried
 away by the late freshet - those that
 have proper roads laid out to them &

Voted in the affirmative

2^d It was put to vote agreeable to the noti-
 fication to see if there should be an addi-
 tional tax of two days work laid on a sin-
 gle poll for the rebuilding those bridges
 which were carried away by the late flood
 of rain and Voted in the affirmative.

3^d Voted that three shillings per day to be
 allowed to those persons that work on sd
 bridges - they finding themselves materials
 to work with.

4th Voted that the present Selectmen shall
 call on those Surveyors which heretofore
 were not districted to those bridges which

were now carried off by the late flood
 of rain to assist the other surveyors in
 the rebuilding of the aforesaid bridges
 6th Voted that Joseph Hayes is chosen a Sur-
 veyor of the Highways in the room of En^l
 James McDuffel who was chosen at a for-
 mer meeting and refused to take the list
 & said Hayes was sworn accordingly
 7th Voted that each district in the Town
 is to provide their own timber for the re-
 building the aforesaid bridges.

Recorded by Josiah Main, Town Clerk.

The Town's Account for the year 1785. Pr^o Or.
 For sums returned in Constables, Collectors
 and Selectmen's hands. March 27th 1785
 In Collector John Burgin's hands his
 list 1781 66-17-7

In Collector Wm Mcneals hands his
 list for 1780 6-19-2

In Collector Paul Harfords hands his
 list 1781 201-0-11

In Constable John Vute's hands his
 list 1782 614-4-4

In Collector Moses Roberts hands his
 list 1782 1171-16-8

In Collector Barnabas Palmer's hands
 for 1783 633-19-3

In Constable Benja^m Dams hands
 for 1783 542-18-5

In Constable John Vute's hands for 357-12-7

In Collector Richard Plais hands
 for 1784 439-2-5

Returned in Selectmen's hands
 in Certificates and orders &c 123-0-10
 And also 1765 New Emission dollars
 at 1/5th pr dollar but now credited to
 the Town at one quarter more amount
 ing to 93-1-10

2 Certificates returned counterfeit
 but since allowed in part 18-10-9
 Gave Benjamin Dams an order on
 Treasurer for a sum charged the
 Town last year towards the taxes of 1783
 Borrowed of Constable Benjamin Dam
 in Cash & Certificates to pay the Extents
 for 1782 & gave him our Votes for 832
 115 10 d of which there now remains
 due 46-4-10

Sold to Mr John Pike a piece of pland
 road through his land & took his
 note for the same for 7-4-0

Raised in Collector Thomas Roberts
 list for the year 1785 374-12-11

Raised in Constable John Vute's list
 for 1785 364-12-8

In Collector Thomas Roberts non-
 resident list for 1785 38-6-0
 5240-4-9½

Town's Debt for the year 1785 Given in March
1786

Paid the High Sheriff in full of an
Extent against the Town for the bal- 1579-2-6
ance of a tax for 1782 as per receipt
Paid the Sheriff in part for his fee
for service 3-0-0

Paid Mrs Hannah Wain in part of
a Note she hath against the Town 6-0-0
To one certificate counterfeit 30/42
New Emission Dollars 4/ 1-14-0

Several journeys occasioned in sett-
ling the Extent against the Town
for 1782 Tax (viz) one to Exeter twice to
Portsmouth and twice to Dover 2-10-0
Drawbacks in Collector Burgin's
list on settlement 8-4-3

Paid Collector Burgin for collecting
Rates for 1781 1-14-0

Paid taking Inventory for 1784 & 1785
eight Dollars each 4-16-0

Paid Mr Reuben Heard a Bounty
allowed by the General Court for his
son going in the army 2-3-0

For time & expenses petitioning
the General Court for recovering two
of our Continental Soldiers in dispute 2-2-0

The Selectmen assisting with a
Surveyor in running the follow-
ing roads which were petitioned for
& excepted by the Town (viz)

One through Mr John Pikes land &
one at Uderborough & one from Mr
Wm Janness up to the road by Mrs
Moses Hayes & one through the cor-
ner of Mr Zebulon & Joseph Dams
land & also to run & straighten
the road from the meeting house
to Norway Plains bridge & up by the
Widow Barney's house & also from Gar-
lin's Mill out by Mr Samuel Wombleys
& also to run the road between the
first & second divisions from Ephraim
Harris to Barrington line in the
whole with the returns & deeds &c 5-13-6
To a journey to Exeter & from thence
to Portsmouth and back to Exeter
again to settle our deficiency of
soldiers 1-10-0

To one day with a Surveyor run-
ning the 3^d Division School lot 0-18-0

To one day with two men to view
& estimate the damage done on sd
school lot by cutting timber 1-10-0

Paid an Attorney for advice & direc-
tion for recovering the damage
done on said school lot 0-18-0

And for one journey to Portsmouth
on said business 0-6-0

Paid some expenses & time on the
attachment and appraisal & vendue
of some interest taken by extent

from Collector Paul Harford a defic-
ient Collector 2-11-6

Paid for sundries supplied Widow
Weymouth (or) Wood, corn, meat
&c pr bill 2-7-7

Making the Ratelists & Counterpins
State & Town Taxes 3-12-0

Making Surveyors lists & districting
Surveyors 1-10-0

Making a second Surveyors list
Warrants Districting 0-18-0

Making non resident lists & Counter-
pins 1-4-0

Writing paper for the Towns use
through the year 0-4-6

Paid Rev Joseph Haven in full for
Balance due for the year 1784 48-17-9

Paid Rev Joseph Haven in part his
Salary for 1785 3-1-6

Paid Town Clerk for drawing return-
ing and warning 23 Jurors two shil-
lings each and returning votes for
President, Senators and Representatives
at two shillings each 2-12-0

Paid Constable Vute for Warning
Surveyors 0-1-6

Paid the Commissioners Casting
lists and examining accounts
Selectmen Services through the
year 1-4-0

6-10-0
1696-15-7

The Town Rochester Account of out-
standing Debts March 27th 1785.

In Collector William Ue meals list
for 1780 6-19-2

In Collector Paul Harford's list
for 1781 201-0-11

In Constable John Vute's list
for 1782 230-11-7

In Collector Moses Roberts list
for 1782 416-0-11

In Collector Barnabas Palmer's
list 1783 571-8-2

In Constable Benjamin Davis
list 1783 542-18-5

In Collector Richard Places list
1784 398-1-5

In Constable John Vute's list for
1784 357-12-7

Remains in Collector Thomas
Roberts list 1785 374-12-11

Remains in Constable John
Vute's list for 1785 364-12-8

In Collector Thomas Roberts non-
resident list 1785 38-06-

In the Selectmen's hands New
Emission & Votes 41-04-5½

3543-09-2½
1696-15-7
5240-4-9½

The true state of the Towns Accounts
both Debt and Credit through the year

as kept by us & presented this 27th day of March 1786

Jabez Dame

Saml Houghton

Jacob Hanson

Selectmen of
Rochester

Having had the Counterpiners examined the Towns Accounts we find them well adjusted & is a fair & honest account delivered us by the Selectmen

Ephraim Kimball

Richard Dame

Commissioners

It was put to vote to see if the Town would accept of the above account as was read in the Meeting by the Clerk.

& Voted in the affirmative

Recorded by Josiah Wain, Town Clerk.

State View The freeholders & inhabitants of the Town of Rochester that Strafford & are legal voters in Public Town meetings are hereby notified of a Public Town meeting to be holden in the Meeting House in said Town on Monday the twenty seventh day of this instant March at ten o'clock in the forenoon in sd day then & there to transact the following business

1st To chuse a Moderator for said meeting
2nd To vote for one person for a President of this State with the qualifications required to serve in said office one year from the first Wednesday in June next.

3rd To vote for two Senators for said County

with the required qualifications to serve in said office one year from the first Wednesday in June next

4th To chuse one suitable person with the necessary qualifications to represent this Town in the General Court for one year from the first Wednesday of June next
5th To vote for a County Treasurer & Register of Deeds as the law directs

6th To chuse all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing

7th To vote what sum shall be raised for repairing highways this year and what per day

8th To vote what sum shall be raised for schools the present year

9th To see if the Town will chuse some suitable persons as a committee to run out the school lots in sd town that it may prevent any person from trespassing on them and also give them power to prosecute any person or persons that hath already committed any trespass on them & carry the same on to final execution

10th By a request of Mr Joseph Haven to see if the Town or Congregational part thereof will vote to chuse some suitable person or persons to view the Parsonage House & see the necessity of some repairage and im- power them if they think proper to do the same and transact any other law-

ful business that shall be thought proper
all concerned are desired to attend at
time and place as the business of the day
will begin early.

Given under our hands at Rochester this
eleventh day of March Anno Domini, 1786

Jacob Dame } Selectmen of
Jacob Hanson } Rochester

State Veto | At a legal Town Meeting hold
Hampshire in in the Meeting house in
Strafford S.S. Rochester on March the 27th 1786
the following business was transacted (viz)

The Voters there present Voted for the fol-
lowing persons for a President

Gen John Sullivan 376 votes

George Atkinson Esq^r 2 votes

And those for Senators were as follows (viz)

Col^l John McDuffee 292 votes

Daniel Beede Esq^r 130 votes

Col Otis Baker 15 votes

Col Waldron 6

Capt David Copp 2

3rd Voted that John Plummer Esq^r is chosen
Moderator of this Meeting.

4th Josiah Wain Chosen Town Clerk for the
present year

5th Voted that the Hon James Knowles is
Chosen to represent this Town in the
General Court as is mentioned in the
notification

6th Voted that John B. Hanson is chosen
County Treasurer & Recorder of Deeds for
this County by the Majority of the Voters in
this Town

7th Voted that Jacob Dame Esq^r is chosen
the first Selectman and the meeting
adjourned until the next day at 12 o'clock
on sd day.

Tuesday March 28 met according to adjourn-
ment

Messrs James Adams } Chosen Selectmen
John Cloutman }

Ephraim Kimball } Commissioners
Richard Dame }

Doc James How } Assessors.
Ens^l Ichabod Corson }

Barnabas Palmer

Sam^l Wingate

Ens^l Ichabod Corson

Benjamin Copp

Joseph Plummer

James Downs

Moses Horn

Robert Walker

Ichabod Pearl

Maj^r David Place

Capt Daniel McDuffee

Benjamin Chesley

Joseph Hayes

Benjamin Hayes

Joseph Allard

Chosen
Surveyors of
Highways.

Jonathan Dame	} Chosen Surveyors of Highways
Eden Ricker	
Samuel Twombly Jr	
Richard Furber	
Wm Wentworth	} Tything men.
Joseph Dame	
Timothy Roberts	
Joshua Allen	
Richard Walker	} Chosen Fence Viewers
Peter Horn	
Benjamin Hayes	
Zebulon Dame	
Edward Rollins	} Field Drivers
John Vute Jr	
Timothy Corson	
Reuben Hard Jr	
Jonathan Wentworth	} Hog Reeths
George Place	
Joseph Thompson	

Voted that two days work be laid on a single poll the present year for the repairing the highways the present year they procuring themselves materials to work with
 Voted that the Selectmen raise two hundred dollars to support a school the present year

It was put to vote agreeable to the notification to see if the Town will chuse a committee to run out the School lots that it may prevent any further trespass on them and also give them power

to prosecute any person or persons that hath already committed any trespass on them & carry the same on to final judgment & execution and Voted in the affirmative.

Voted that Capt Wm Allen, Col John W Duffe & Capt Samuel Vute is chosen a committee for the above business and invested with full power for the same.

Voted that Messrs Daniel Wingate, Capt Wm W Duffe & Isaac Brown is chosen a committee to view the Parsonage House & to put it in repair at the cost of the Town.

Voted that the present Selectmen have power to hire Collectors to collect the taxes for the present year on the cost of the town.

Voted that the present Selectmen are appointed to take an Inventory the present year.

Voted that Capt John Brewster, Jonathan Dame & Aaron Wingate is chosen lot layers for the present year.

Voted that this Meeting stands adjourned to the first Monday in June which will be the 5th day of sd month at which time this meeting stands adjourned & to meet at this place.

Monday June 5th Voted according to adjournment.

And the following business was transacted (viz)

Benjamin Furber, Paul Libbey were chosen surveyors of highways for the present year. William Ellis, Daniel Page Chosen Hog Reeths for the present year

Voted that Jonathan Ellis shall be exempted from paying Town Taxes as long as he shall support his son Joseph Ellis.

It was put to vote to see if there should be a Pound built for the benefit of the Town & voted in the affirmative. - & voted that the present Selectmen are to provide a Pound on the cost of the Town & that said Pound be erected and stand in some convenient place near the meeting house in said Town and that the Selectmen are to agree with some suitable person for a Pound Keeper.

Voted that the Selectmen agree with some suitable person to take care of the meeting house & to lock it up & unlock it as seasons shall require.

After passing the aforesaid votes the Moderator declares that this meeting is dissolved.

Recorded by Josiah Wain, Town Clerk.

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Rochester paying taxes Pursuant to a petition from a number of the inhabitants of sd Town. You are notified of a Publick Town Meeting to be held in the meeting house in sd Town on Monday the fourth day of Sep-

tember next at 3 o'clock P.M. to act as followeth - First To chuse a Moderator to regulate sd meeting.

2^d To see if the Town will vote to have a paper currency

3^d To see if the Town will vote what method it shall be made & established on whether on loan or to redeem the State security

4th To chuse one member or more to make a return of the votes of this meeting to the Convention held at the house of Capt John Goodwin in Rochester the 5th day of September next at two of the clock P.M. All concerned are requested to give their attendance at time and place.

James Adams } Selectmen
John Cloutman }

Rochester August 26 Anno Domini 1786.

State of New Hampshire } At a legal Town Meeting hold
Stratford ss Rochester the 4th day of September 1786 the following was transacted (viz)
Hon James Knowles was chosen Moderator of sd meeting.

2^d It was put to vote agreeable to the Notification to see if this Town will agree to have a paper currency made & voted in the affirmative

3^d Voted that the method and the plan of making a paper currency be left to the Determination of General Court.

4th Voted that Messrs Capt John Goodwin
Lt James Adams & Josiah Tolson be a
committee in behalf of the Town to
make a return of the votes of this meet-
ing to the Convention to be holden at
the house of said Goodwin in Rochester
the 5th day of this instant September.

And the meeting dissolved.

Recorded by Josiah Wain, Town Clerk.

State New Hampshire } In compliance of a request
Strafford ss. the Selectmen calling a Town
meeting on purpose of taking the purposed
plan for making paper money under con-
sideration & to act at said meeting agree-
able to the directions given in said or-
ders sent to the Town.

The inhabitants of the Town of Rochester
that are legal voters in Town meetings
are hereby notified of a Publick Town Meet-
ing to be holden in the Meeting House on
Monday the twentieth day of this ins-
tant November at two of the clock in the
afternoon of said day at which time &
place the proposed plan will be laid be-
fore the Town for their consideration.

Given under our hands at Rochester this
11th day of November Anno Domini 1786.

James Adams } Selectmen
Jaber Dame }

State New Hampshire } At a legal Town Meeting
holden in Rochester on Mon-
day the 20th day of November
1786 the following was transacted - First
Voted that James Knowles Esq is chosen
Moderator of said meeting.

2nd It was put to vote agreeable to the noti-
fication to see if there should be a paper
currency made & voted in the affirmative.

3rd It was unanimously voted that the
plan for making a paper currency be
submitted to the Determination of the
General Court at their next setting.

And the meeting dissolved.

Recorded by Josiah Wain, Town Clerk.

Whereas Lt Daniel Cook of Rochester hath
commenced an action against the Town
of Rochester for a Bounty which he saith
is due to him from the Town for contin-
uing in the Army after the time was
expired which the Town engaged him for.

State New Hampshire } The freeholders & inhabitants
of the Town of Rochester that
Strafford ss. are legal voters in Publick
Town Meetings are hereby notified of a
Publick Town Meeting to be holden in the
meeting house in sd Rochester on Mon-
day the fifth day of February next at one
of the clock in the afternoon then &
there to chuse a Moderator for said
meeting and then to consult what

is to be done with said sute whether to chuse some suitable person or persons as a committee and vote them full power to treat with said Cook on the subjects & settle the same. If reasonable or otherwise to defend it through the law on the cost of the Town or any other ways on the case as the Town when together shall think proper. -- & all concerned are desired to attend at time and place Given under our hands at Rochester this twenty seventh day of January Anno Domini 1787.

Jabez Dams { Selectmen
James Adams }

State Vew | At a legal Town meeting
Hampshire | holden in Rochester on Feb²⁵
Stratford Ss | 1787. -- First

Voted Mr Barnabas Palmer is chosen

Moderator of said meeting.

2^{dy} It was put to vote agreeable to the notification to see if the Town will chuse a committee & vote them full power to treat with Lt Daniel Cook with respect to an action which said Cook has commenced against this Town to settle the same. If they shall think it reasonable or otherwise to defend it through the law on the cost of the Town & Voted in the affirmative

Voted that Lt James Adams & Wap David

Place is chosen a committee for the before mentioned purpose & is invested with full power for the same.

4th Voted that this meeting stands adjourned to the 12th day of this month.

Voted that En^l Lehabod Corson is chosen a committee on and in the room of Daniel Wingate to repair the Parsonage House. Said Wingate refusing to serve any longer.

State Vew | To Thomas Roberts one of the
Hampshire Constables of the Town of Roch-
Stratford Ss. Ester in the State & County
aforesaid. Greeting;

Whereas there is one Sarah Serjent with her child or children the wife of Daniel Serjent late of Barrington in the State & County aforesaid now residing in Rochester - Poor Woman -

You are hereby required in the name of the Government and people of said State forthwith on sight here of to warn the said Sarah Serjent with her child or children to leave and depart out of said Rochester forthwith otherways to be dealt with as the law directs: wherof fail not and make return of your doings as the law directs in such cases made and provided as soon as may be for which this shall be your sufficient warrant.
Given under our hands and seal at

Rochester this fifteenth day of December
Anno Domini 1780

Barnabas Palmer /
James Adams / Selectmen
Sam^l Vute

Strafford ss. December 20th 1780. Pursuant
to the within warrant I have warned
the within named Sarah Serjent with
her child to leave & depart out of sd Town
as the law directs

Thos Roberts, Constable.

Recorded By Josiah Wain Town Clerk.

The Town's Account for the year 1786 Pr Cr
for the sums returned in the Constables
Collectors & Selectmens hands 27th of March 1786

In Collector William W. Heals list for
year 1780 6-19-2

In Collector Paul Harford's list for the
year 1781 201-0-11

In Constable John Vute's list for
the year 1782 230-11-7

In Collector Moses Roberts list
for 1782 416-0-11

In Collector Barnabas Palmer's list
for 1783 571-8-2

In Constable Benjamin Dames list
for 1783 542-18-5

In Collector Richard Places list
for 1784 398-1-5

In Constable John Vute's list.
for 1784 357-12-7

In Collector Thomas Roberts list for
1785 412-18-11

In Constable John Vute's list for
1785 364-12-8

In the Selectmens hands in
Votes & U. Emission 41-4-5

Raised in Collector Thomas Roberts
list for 1786 in Specie 179² 16-3 and 389-8-9
in Orders, Discounts & Certificates
209² 12-6

Raised in Thomas Roberts list for
the year 1786 52-7-11

Raised in Constable John Vute's
list for 1786 in Specie 165² 18-9 and 359-4-18
in orders, discounts & certificates 193² 6-1

Raised in Constable John Vute's
Town list for 1786 43-0-11

Raised in Thomas Roberts non-res-
ident list in Specie 37-9-1 and in 55-16-7
Orders, Discounts & Certificates 78-13-6

Received of St Stephen Berry in part
for a Note of hand due to the Town 2-10-6
from him and others for the year, 1766 4445-18-8

Town's Accounts for the year 1786 Pr Debt

Paid the State Treasurer in full
for 1783 Pr Receipt 942-4-5

Paid the County Treasurer in part
for 1783 Pr Receipt 15-8-4

Paid Mr Benjamin Dams for money

Paid Town Clerk for his services through the year	3-6-0
Paid the Assessors for their services through the year	0-18-0
Paid Rev Joseph Haven in part his salary for 1785	49-16-6
Making Ratelists & Counterpines for first and second precept	3-12-0
Making Surveyors lists and districting Surveyors	1-10-0
Making non-resident lists & Counterpines land tax	1-4-0
Paid for writing paper for Town's use through year	4-6-0
Paid Commissioners casting Counterpines, examining accounts &c	1-4-0
Selectmen's services Settlement abatements through the year	4-10-0
	1151-2-1
Remains outstanding in Collectors & Constables and Selectmen's hands	
In Collector William Mcneals hands for 1780	6-19-2
In Collector Paul Harford's hands for 1781	201-0-11
In Constable John Vute's hands for 1782	218-5-0
In Collector Moses Roberts hands for 1782	416-0-11
In Collector Barnabas Palmer's hands 1783	55-15-11

In Constable Benjamin Dames hands 1783	17-0-8
In Collector Richard Places hands for 1784	358-17-1
In Constable John Vute's hands for 1784	357-12-7
In Collector Thomas Roberts hands for 1785	395-10-10
In Constable John Vute's hands for 1785	304-12-8
Remains in Collector Thomas Roberts list for 1786 in Specie	216-19-4
Remains in Collector Thomas Roberts list for 1786 in Facilities	228-5-0
Remains in Collector Thomas Roberts Town list for 1786	52-7-11
Remains in Constable John Vute's list for 1786 in Specie	165-18-9
In Constable John Vute's list for 1786 in Facilities	193-6-1
In Constable John Vute's list for 1786	43-0-11
On hand in Votes & U Emission in part returned last year	31-6-0
	3323-16-9
	1151-2-1
	4474-18-10
	4445-18-8
	29-00-2

Due to the Selectmen on settlement
of the Town's Accounts March 26, 1787
The State of the Town's accounts both
Debt & Credit through the year & presented
to the Town this 26 day of March Anno
Domini 1787 By

Isabel Dame

James Adams

John Cloutman

Selectmen

Rochester

We have cast the Counterpins & carefully
examined the Town's Accounts they appear
to us to be a well adjusted as they are
delivered to us by the Selectmen this
26 day of March A.D. 1787

Richard Dame

Ephraim Kimball

Commissioners

Voted to accept of the within account
as was read by the Clerk in the audience
of the Meeting

Recorded May 1787 Or Josiah Wain
Town Clerk

State New Hampshire
Strafford ss The freeholders & inhabitants
of the Town of Rochester that
are legal Voters in Publick
Town meetings Are hereby notified of a
Publick Town meeting to be holden in
the meeting house in Rochester in said
Town on Monday the twenty six day
of this instant March at ten of the clock
in the forenoon then and there to act
in the following business - & viz.

To choose a Moderator for said meeting
and Town Clerk for the year ensuing.

2^{dy} To Vote for a president for said State
with the qualifications required to serve
in said office for one year from the first
Wednesday in June next.

3^{dy} To Vote for two suitable persons for
County Senators to serve in said office
one year from the first Wednesday in
June next.

4th To elect one person to represent said
Town in General Assembly the year
ensuing from the first Wednesday in
June next

5th To Vote for a County Treasurer & a Re-
corder of Deeds for the year ensuing.

6th To choose all necessary Town Officers
for the year ensuing.

7th To Vote what sums shall be raised
for the repair of highways this present year

8th To consult on some methods that may
be agreeable for Publick Worship to be kept
at the meeting house by raising the

Rev^d Joseph Haven's salary on the inhabi-
tants of the supposed first Parish and

an equivalent tax on the out parts to
be by them laid out at such time & place

as they shall agree on or any other way
that may be thought best when together

9th To hear the request of a number of In-
habitants desiring that the range roads

may be run or ascertained between the second division in said Town and appoint suitable persons for that purpose. And to transact such other legal business as shall be necessary and all concerned are desired to attend at time and place. Given under our hands at Rochester this tenth day of March Anno Domini 1787.

Jabez Dame
James Adams } Selectmen of
John Cloutman } Rochester.

State New Hampshire } At the annual meeting
Strafford Co. } of the inhabitants of Roch-
ster according to Notification
and holden in the meeting house the
20th day of March Anno Domini 1787.
and being so convened proceeded to give
in their votes for a President. The votes
declared were as follows (viz)
For his Excellency President Sullivan 249
For Hon Judge Livermore 23
Votes for Senators were as follows (viz)
Capt David Copp 158
Col John Waldron 98
Eben^r Thompson Esq^r 54
Eben^r Smith Esq^r 60
Voted that John Plummer Esq^r is cho-
sen Moderator for sd meeting.
Josiah Main Chosen Town Clerk for the
present year

James Knowles Esq^r Elected Representative

John B. Hanson Chosen County Treasurer
to the number of 134 votes the votes
for said Hanson for a Recorder of Deeds
were to the number of 236.

Jabez Dame Esq^r
James Adams } Chosen Selectmen
John Cloutman }

Ephraim Kimball } Chosen Commissioners
Pelatiah Cackland }

Jacob Hanson } Chosen Assessors.
Col David Place }

Heard Roberts Benjamin Hayes
Joshua Allen Benjamin Furber
Thomas Roberts Ichabod Pearl
Barnabas Palmer
Eben^r Jones

Joseph Plummer
Samuel Twombly Jr^r

Capt Eben^r Ricker

James Downs

Moses Horn

Israel Ham

Nathaniel Garlin

Ephraim Kimball

Col David Place

Eben^r Horn

Capt Moses Roberts

Amos Place

Jonathan Dame

Chosen
Surveyors
of the Highways

Joseph Knight
David Jenness
Eben^r Jones
Ephraim Perkins
Daniel Watson
Joseph Tebbetts
Benjamin Weder
George Hayes
Richard Place
Wm Ellis
Joseph Thompson Jun^r
Moses Hammett

Chosen Tything Men
Chosen Field Drivers
Fence Viewer.
Hog Reeths

The meeting adjourned to the 2nd
Monday in April which will be the 9th
day of said month and to meet at the
meeting house at one of the clock P. M.
April the 9th Met according to adjournment
Peter Horn and David Corson were chosen
fence viewers

David Horn Chosen Hogreeth
Capt John Brewster, Jonathan Dame, Aaron
Wingate Esq chosen lot layers.

Voted that there shall be one days work
laid on a single poll for the repairing
the highways and bridges the present year
and that they be allowed three shillings
pr day finding themselves materials to
work with.

It was put to vote agreeable to the notifi-
cation to see if the town will raise
the Rev^d Joseph Haven salary on the inhab-

itants of the supposed first parish - And
voted in the affirmative.

It was put to vote to see if the Town will
raise an equivalent tax on the out parts
of the town to be by them laid out at such
time and place as they shall agree on
And voted in the affirmative.

The range roads to be run between the
second divisions as mentioned in the
ninth article in the notification was
"dismissed".

Voted that the taking of an Inventory be
referred to the selectmen.

And the meeting dissolved.

Recorded by Josiah Main, Town Clerk
State New Hampshire the Town of Rochester that
Strafford Ss are legal voters in Town meet-
ings are hereby notified of a Public Town
meeting to be holden in the meeting house
in said town on Monday the fifteenth
day of October next at one of the clock in the
afternoon of said day to transact the fol-
lowing business - To wit

To chuse a Moderator for said meeting
2nd To see if the Town will vote to sell the
fourth division lot on the northeasterly
side of the road opposite the meeting house
which the Town had of Mr Paul Harford
and if voted to be sold then to chuse
some suitable persons as a committee or

agents for said purpose and to give them such directions in the said and payments as the Town shall think proper

2^d To see if the Town will vote that the Committee on ^{to} Daniel Cook's case shall review said action for another trial and carry on the same accordingly and all concerned are desired to attend at time & place Given under our hands at Rochester the twenty eighth day of September, Anno Domini 1787

Jabez Dame / Selectmen
James Adams / Rochester.

N.B. Notice is hereby given that two petitions will be presented at said meeting from a number of inhabitants requesting roads laid out (viz) one from Norway Plains by Mr Aaron Downes to Salmon Falls road & the other from the branch bridge in Rochester on Wakefield road to Palmer's Mill so called on the line of Shapleigh and if said requests are granted or either of them to choose a committee and give them agreeable to said petitions or otherwise as the Town shall think proper.

October 5, 1787

James Adams / Selectmen
Jabez Dame

State New Hampshire } At a legal Town meeting
Rafford S.S. } holden in the meeting house
in Rochester on Monday the

fifteenth day of October 1787. the following business was transacted (viz) First James Knowles Esq^r Chosen Moderator of sd meeting

2^d It was put to vote to see if the Town will sell the fourth division lot of land on the northeasterly side of the road opposite the meeting house which the Town had of Mr Paul Harford - And it was voted in the affirmative.

3^d Voted that the present Selectmen are to sell the lands as mentioned in the notification to the best advantage as shall be most beneficial to the interest of said Town and when they have so done they are to refund the money which they have sold said lands for back to the Town to be laid out as the Town shall think best

4th It was put to vote agreeable to the notification to see if the Committee on ^{to} Daniel Cook's case should review said action for another trial and carry on the same accordingly - And voted in the affirmative.

5th It was put to vote agreeable to the notification to see if the Town will lay out a road from Norway Plains up by Mr Aaron Downes to Salmon Falls road. And voted in the affirmative.

6th After some debates on both sides it was put to vote to see if the Town will lay out said road provided that the owners of

the lands where said road may be cleared will give the land for said road free from any expense to the Town and it was voted in the affirmative.

8th Voted that the lot layers which were appointed by the Town are to lay out said roads as soon as may be most convenient for the Town's interest.

9th Voted that this meeting is dissolved
Josiah Wain, Town Clerk.

State New Hampshire
The freeholders & inhabitants of the Town of Rochester that Strafford S. & are legal voters in Town meetings are hereby notified of a Publick town meeting to be holden in the meeting house in said town on Monday the twenty eighth day of this instant January at one of the clock in the afternoon to transact the following business. First

To chuse a Moderator for said meeting.
2^{dy} To elect one person as a delegate to meet in a Convention to be holden at Exeter on the second Wednesday of February next for the purpose of taking the Constitution that is formed for the United States of America under their consideration &c.
All persons concerned are desired to attend at time and place. Given under our hands at Rochester the nineteenth day of January 1788.

Jabez Dame
James Adams } Selectmen.

State New Hampshire
At a legal Town meeting holden in Rochester on Jan^y 28 day Strafford S. & 1788 - First
John Plummer Esq^r was chosen Moderator of said meeting.

2^{dy} Voted that Mr Barnabas Palmer is elected a delegate to meet at the convention to be holden at Exeter on the second Wednesday in February next for the purpose of taking the Constitution that is formed for the United States of America under their consideration. And the meeting dissolved.

Recorded By Josiah Wain, Town Clerk.
The Town of Rochester's Accounts for the year 1787 as returned in Constables & Collectors & Selectmen's hands March 26 Br Cr.
In Collector Wm. We meals hands his list for the year 1788 . 6-19-2

In Collector Paul Hartford's hands for year 1781 201-0-11

In Constable John Vute's hands for year 1782 218-5-

In Collector Moses Roberts hands for 1782 416-0-11

In Collector Barnabas Palmer's hands for 1783 55-15-11

In Constable Benjamin Dames hands for 1783 17-16-8

In Collector Richard Place's hands for 1784 358-17-1

In Constable John Vutes hands for 1784, 357-12-7
In Collector Thomas Roberts hands

for 1785 395-10-10

In Constable John Vutes hands for 1786, 364-12-8

In Collector Thomas Roberts hands
for 1786 497-13-3

In Constable John Vutes hands for 1786, 402-5-9

Returned in Selectmens hands in
Votes New Emission and Certificates 31-6

Raised in Collector Thos Roberts list for
1787 in Specie - 272-3-1- and in Orders 363-6-3

Discounts & Certificates 91-8-2

Raised in Collector Thos Roberts non-
resident list in Specie 38-12-8 54-19-0

and in Orders Discounts & Certificates 18-6-4

Raised in said Thos Roberts Town
list supposed first Parish 56-2-10

Raised in Constable Benjamin Dam's
list for 1787 in Specie 252-17-4 336-15-11

and in Orders Discounts & Certificates 3-15-7

Raised in said Roberts list in the
supposed upper parish 22-17-6

Raised in the said Dam's list in
the supposed upper parish 23-13-2

The Towns account for the year 1787 as kept
by the Selectmen. Pr Debt 422-5-2

Paid the State Treasurer in full
for 1784 per receipt 433-6-8

Paid the County Treasurer in part
for 1783 per receipt 24-8-1

Paid a balance returned due to the
Selectmen last year 29-0-2

Paid Mr Lehabod Hayes in part a
Vote he hath against the Town 29-9-10

Paid Miss Hannah Main in part
of a Vote she hath against the Town 1-10-0

Paid two of the Referees (viz; Waldron
& Dearborn in full for setting on the 3-0-0

case of Sam^l Palmer & others for trespass-
ing on the school lot

Advanced pay to Col Place & Capt
Adams Committee on Lt Daniel 4-15-0

Cooks case
Paid Benjamin Wentworth in full
for damage for the road going 8-7-4

through his land as returned by
the Committee &

Paid Anthony Collins in part dam-
age for a road going through his 1-5-0

land as returned by the Committee

Paid John Vute for keeping Sally Berry
a town charge 1/3 months @ 125 50 per 8-2-6

month for the year 1785 and 1786

Paid said Vute for cloathing said town
charge sd time 1-8-3

Paid said Vute for keeping said town
charge 2 months in the year 1787 & 2-9-0

for trouble & cost in sickness & bury-
ing her.

Paid Doc^t James Row for doctoring
sd Town charge when sick 8-6-0

Paid Lt Stephen Berry a balance due
 for keeping said Town charge in the
 year 1786 4-4-0
 Paid Constable Vute for conveying
 a poor person through the Town 5-6-0
 Paid the Committee in part for re-
 pairing Parsonage House in the year 1786 7-7-3
 Paid for taking an Inventory for the
 year 1787 2-8-0
 Paid Collector Place for collecting taxes
 for 1784 12-0-0
 Paid Constable Benjamin Dam for
 collecting taxes for the year 1783 7-3-8
 Paid some supplies for Widd' Weymouth
 in 1786 0-17-10
 Paid Capt Adams for taking Inven-
 tory North District 1786 1-16-0
 Paid Col Place & Capt Brewster & Lt Richard
 Furber running the ten rod road &
 Wetherborough road in the year 1785 2-4-0
 Paid Capt John Brewster as a hot layer
 in 1786 per bill 0-9-7
 Paid for a part of the 4th division lot
 of land of Collector Paul Harford's taken
 by Col Dame by extent & sold at vendue
 & bid off by the Selectmen 94-0-0
 Paid some expenses & for time at ven-
 due at Gage's at Dover 1-3-0
 Paid Rev Joseph Haven his salary in
 full to March 24th 1785 38-3-8
 Paid Rev Joseph Haven's salary in part for
 year 1786 16-16-5

Making Ratelists & Counterpins for the
 year 1787 3-2-0
 Making Surveyors lists & Districting
 Surveyors 1-10-0
 Making non resident lists & Counter-
 pins 1-4-0
 Paid for writing paper for the Town's
 use through the year -4-6
 Paid the Town Clerk in part his services
 for year 1787 -12-0
 Paid the Selectmen services through
 the year 4-10-0
 740-12-7
 Remains out standing in Collectors, Con-
 stables & Selectmens hands
 In Collector William W. Neals hands
 for 1780 5-19-2
 In Collector Paul Harford's hands
 for 1781 80-15-11
 In Constable John Vute's hands
 for 1782 218-5-
 In Collector Moses - hands for 1782 415-5-11
 In Collector Barnabas Palmer's hands
 for 1783 55-15-11
 In Collector Richard Place's hands
 for 1784 90-19-8
 In Collector John Vute's hands for 1784 99-19-10
 In Collector Thomas Roberts hands for
 1785 328-2-9
 In Constable John Vute's hands for 1785 364-12-8
 In Collector Thomas Roberts hands for
 1786 493-6-5

In Constable John Vute's hands for 1786 402-5-9
Remains in Collector Thos Roberts

hands for 1787 497-5-7

Remains in Constable Benjamin
Dams hands for 1787 400-2-10

In Selectmens hands in New
Emission Notes & Certificates 92-0-7

Debt £ 4267-6-7

Cr 4221-5-2

Due to the Selectmen on settlements 46-1-5

The state of the Town's accounts both
Debt and Credit through the year and
presented to the Town the 14th day of April
1788. By Jaber Dame Selectmen

James Adams Rochester

Having cast the Counterpens and careful-
ly examined the Town accounts they
appear to us to be well adjusted as exhibit-
ed to us by the Selectmen this 14th day
of April Anno Domini 1788.

Ephraim Kimball

Relatiah Cartland

Commissioners

Recorded by Josiah Wain Town Clerk
State New Hampshire Town of Rochester paying
Strafford S.S. taxes. You are hereby no-
tified that the annual meeting is to
be held in the meeting house in said
Town on Monday the 31st day of March
at ten o'clock A.M. to act on the follow-
ing particulars - First

To vote for one suitable person for a
President and two Senators with such
qualifications as the Constitution points out
2^{dy} To elect a Moderator to regulate the meet-
ing for said Town.

3^{dy} To elect one suitable person to represent
this Town at the General Court for the
term of one year from the first of next June

4th To elect all Town Officers for said Town

that the Law directs
5th To see if the Town will chuse a com-
mittee and empower them to act agree-
able to a petition from a number of inhab-
itants of this Town dated March 13th 1788
to settle some disputes in Salmon falls
road.

6th To hear a petition of a number of inhabi-
tants of said Town to have a road from
Palmer's upper mill to Wakefield line & if
so voted to chuse a committee to lay out
said road.

7th To vote for a County Treasurer & a Record-
er of Deeds for the year ensuing - Also to
transact all other business the Town
shall think proper when convened.
All persons concerned are requested to
give their attendance at time and place
given under our hands at Rochester this
14th day of March Anno Domini 1788

Jaber Dame

James Adams

Selectmen

State New Hampshire
At the annual meeting of
the inhabitants of the Town
Strafford ss. of Rochester according to Notifi-
cation and holden in the meeting house
the 31st day of March Anno Domini 1788

and being so convened proceeded to give in
their votes for a President and Senators

The votes declared were as follows First

For President John Sullivan 211 votes

2^d For Hon Josiah Bartlett Esq^r 1

The votes for Senators were as follows (viz;

For Col John Waldron 126

For Capt David Copp 87

For Eben^r Smith Esq^r 64

For Col John McDuffee 33

For Col Joshua Wingate 3

3^d Voted that James Knowles Esq^r is chosen
Moderator of the Meeting

4th Voted that Josiah Main is chosen Town
Clerk for the year ensuing

5th Mr Barnabas Palmer Chosen representative

6th John Burnham Hanson Chosen Recorder of
Deeds and County Treasurer for this County

7 Capt James Adams } Selectmen
Lehabod Hayes }

8 Doc^r James Howe } Commissioners
Ephraim Kimball }

9 Lt Rich^d Furber } Assessors
Capt Sam^l Vute }

Heard Roberts

Joshua Allen

Lt Edward Collins

Eben^r Jones

Joseph Plummer

Thomas Pinkham

Aaron Wingate Esq^r

Simon Torr

Caleb Wakeham

James Twombly

10 Col David Place

Stephen Ham

Nathaniel Gardin

Lt Richard Furber

Joseph Holmes

Enoch Burnham

John Wingate

Ens^r David Haighton

Edward Varney

Ens^r Moses Hayes

Nathan Vock

Edmund Tibbets

Jonathan Dame

Col Thos Roberts

David Jenness

Paul Libbey

David French

Enoch Hayes

Samuel Seery

Enoch Supt

Moses Varney the 2^d

Benjamin Colby

These here
mentioned were
Chosen Surveyors of
the Highways for
the present year.

Chosen Tything men

Chosen Field Drivers.

Peter Horn
 David Corson } Fence Viewers
 Lt Richard Place
 Richard Perkins } Field Drivers
 William Ellis
 Joseph Thompson Jr } Hog Reeths
 Valentine Collins
 Jonathan Dame
 Doc^r James How } Lot layers
 Lt Richard Furber
 Doc^r James How
 Jacob Hanson } Overseers of the Poor
 Richard Dame

Voted that 3 shillings be laid on a single Poll for the repairing the roads and bridges which shall want repairing in the Town.

Voted that this meeting is adjourned to the 14th day of April next at 2 of the clock P.M. and then to meet at this place.

April 14th Met according to adjournment and the following business was transacted
 Voted that the lot layers be a committee to settle a dispute in Salmon falls road as mentioned in the notification.

Voted that the Selectmen have power to let out to suitable persons as Collectors the Ratelists to collect for the present year by giving publick notice and the lowest bidders to be the Collectors by giving such bonds as shall be acceptable to the Selectmen.

Voted that the lot layers lay open a road from Palmers upper mills to Wakefield line provided that the owners of the land through which the road may be made will give the lands for said road free of any expense to the town.

Voted that Mr Clearer Coleman's Poll Taxes should be taken off as far back as to Lt Richard Place's rate lists to this present year 1788.

Voted that Joseph Allards rate should be taken off for the year 1787.

Voted that Daniel Fenness is chosen tything man.

Voted that Jonathan Loughton is chosen Surveyor of Highways for the present year.

Voted that Jacob Hanson is chosen Select man for the present year.

Voted that Micah Allen is chosen Constable for the present year.

And the meeting dissolved.

Recorded By Josiah Main Town Clerk.
 State of New Hampshire
 The inhabitants of the Town of Rochester paying taxes --- are
 Strafford & hereby notified of a Publick
 Town meeting to be held in the meeting
 house in Rochester on Monday the sixth
 day of October next at one of the clock
 in the afternoon then & there to act on
 the following particulars. First
 To choose a Moderator to regulate said
 meeting

2^{dy} To see if the Town will vote to chuse one person as an agent for said Town to attend the next session of the General Court at Exeter at the day of hearing the petition of Joseph Peirce Esq and others to have two ranges of lots taken off from the south west corner of this town and to empower sd agent to oppose and render sd petition from being granted as it will very much discommode this Town.

3^{dy} To see if the Town will vote agreeable to a petition of a number of inhabitants bearing date September the 9th 1788 respecting parish matters.

4th To see if the Town will vote to exchange or purchase a highway agreeable to a petition of a number of inhabitants of this Town bearing date September 9, 1788 and if so voted to choose a Committee and empower them to act agreeable to said petition.

5th To see if the Town will vote to choose a committee to settle with Collector Paul Hartford agreeable to a Petition of a number of inhabitants of said Town.

Rochester September 20th 1788.

James Adams

Lehabod Hayes

Jacob Hanson

Selectmen

State of New Hampshire
Strafford ss

At a legal Town meeting
holden in the meeting house
in Rochester this 2th day of Octo

ber 1788 the following business was transacted.

1st John Plummer Esq was chosen Moderator of sd meeting.

2nd Voted that Col John McDuffie is chosen an agent for this Town to attend the next session of the General Court to be holden at Exeter at the day of hearing a petition of Joseph Peirce Esq and others to have two ranges of lots taken off from the southwest corner of this Town.

And Voted that said agent is hereby authorized and empowered to oppose & render the said petition from being granted.

3rd It was put to vote to see if the Town will reconsider a vote past at a Town meeting holden in said town on the 9 day of April 1787 by adjournment respecting raising the Ministerial Tax of the supposed first parish and it was Voted in the affirmative.

4th It was put to vote to see if the Ministerial Tax which was raised the last year on the out parts of the Town should be brought in with the Ministerial Tax of the supposed first Parish and so to remain for some longer time & voted in the affirmative.

5th Voted that

Dor James Row

Mr Jonathan Dam

is chosen a committee
respecting a road as
mentioned in the no

tification and they are to lay out said road if they shall think it best for the interest of the Town and to make a return of their so doing on the adjournment of this meeting.

6th It was put to vote to see if the Town chuse a Committee to settle with Paul Hartford as mentioned in the notification And it was voted in the Negative.

And the meeting adjourned to the 20th day of October.

October 20th met according to adjournment

And the Moderator not being present

7th Voted that Mr Jonathan Dame is chosen Moderator of the meeting.

8 It was put to vote to see if the Town will accept of the return of the road as was read by the Moderator in the meeting and

Voted in the affirmative.

And the meeting dissolved.

Recorded by Josiah Wain Town Clerk

Rochester 20th of October 1788

Pursuant to a vote of the Town passed at a Town meeting held at the meeting house in said Town on Monday the 6th day of this instant October directing us to search out a road from the Wetherborough road over to the road running north westerly by Daniel Pages dwelling house & report to the Town the situation of the same and the terms it

can be had upon - Agreeable thereto we have run out a road two rods wide Beginning at said Wetherborough road one rod from the North West side of the second division lot No 23 and run North 47 degrees east on the side of said lot 86 rods then run North 85 east 57 rods then North 77 east till it comes to within one rod of the corner of Daniel Pages fence as it now stands then run North 47 east within one rod of sd fence till it comes into the pland road at the North east end of the said lot No 23 said line is run in the middle of the road.

Jon^r Dame

Eli Corson

James How

Committee

PS We have agreed to give Benjamin Hayes of Barrington two rods being the one half of the pland road on the South east side as far as his land extends by it and to James Horn the whole of said road the full breadth of his land by it in consideration of the damage done then by the above road if the Town see cause to confirm it.

Recorded by Josiah Wain Town Clerk.

Pursuant to an act of the General Court of this State to us directed

The inhabitants of the Town of Roches-

ter that are qualified to vote for State Representatives are hereby notified of a Publick Town meeting to be holden in the meeting house in said Rochester the third Monday of December next at 2 o'clock P. M.

1st To give in their votes for three persons having the qualifications required by the Constitution of the United States to represent this State in Congress

2nd To give in their votes for five persons inhabitants of this State to be the Electors of this State with such qualifications as said Constitution requires

Rochester November 29, 1788.

James Adams }
Jacob Hanson } Selectmen.
Schabod Hayes }

At a legal Town meeting holden in Rochester the third Monday in December 1788 the following named persons were Voted for Representatives (viz)

Hon Samuel Livermore 50 Votes

Payn Wingate 33

Benjamin West Esq^r 37

Josh Autherton Esq^r 14

Moses Dow Esq^r 12

Abiel Foster Esq^r 3

Nathaniel Peabody 1

Gen John Sullivan 3

Votes for Electors

Gen John Sullivan 38 Votes

Gen Bellows 38

Gen Starks 30

Gen Reed 30

Gen Scilley 30

And the Meeting dissolved.

Recorded by Josiah Main Town Clerk.

Rochester March 28, 1789.

Received of James Adams & Jacob Hanson Selectmen for sd Town eighty pounds L. M. which with other previous receipts is in full for my salary for the year 1787 up to March the 28th 1788 also twenty pounds nine shillings and four pence L. M. in part of my salary for the year 1788 after March the 28th. Received by me

Joseph Haven

Pursuant to an act of the General Court to us directed The inhabitants of the Town of Rochester are hereby notified of a Publick Town meeting to be holden in the meeting house in said town on Monday the second day of February next at one o'clock P. M. to act in the following manner

1st To give in their votes for three persons for Representatives for this State who are to be elected out of the following candidates; the Hon Benjamin West, Samuel Livermore, Payn Wingate, Abiel Foster,

John Sullivan, Nicholas Gilman, Esquires
the three persons that are elected are to
represent this State in Congress. All
persons concerned are desired to give their
attendance at time and place.

Rochester January 24th 1789

James Adams
Jacob Hanson } Selectmen.
Ichabod Hayes

At a legal Town meeting holden at the
house of Solomon Perkins by adjourn-
ment the Selectmen presided at the
meeting and the votes being given in and
counted for each person and a return
thereof was made the same day according
to direction & the meeting dissolved.

Recorded By Josiah Main Town Clerk.

Pursuant to a vote of the Town of Roch-
ester we have preambulated or New Run
part of one of the range roads through
the second divisions in said Town being
the north east side of the third range
from Barrington line. Beginning on the
east side of Pearl's Mill Pond in the former
lines & spotted trees and run south forty
four degrees east till we came into the
cross road on the easterly side of the lot
number twenty four in sd second division.

Run out the 3^d day of September 1788 By
James Adams } Select-
Jacob Hanson } men
Josiah Main Town Clerk

The Town of Rochester's Accounts for the year
1788. Returned in Constables & Collectors &
Selectmen's hands March 28, 1788 Pr Cr.

Returned in Wm W. Heals hands
for year 1780 26-19-2

In Collector Paul Hartford's hands
for 1781 60-16-11

In Constable John Vutes hands for 1782, 218-5-0

In Collector Moses Roberts hands
for 1782 416-0-11

In Collector Barnabas Palmers hands
for 1783 55-15-11

In Collector Richard Place's hands
for 1784 90-19-8

In Constable John Vutes hands for 1784, 99-19-10

In Collector Thomas Roberts hands
for 1785 328-2-9

In Constable John Vutes hands for 1785, 364-12-8

In Collector Thos Roberts hands for 1786, 493-6-5

In Constable John Vutes hands for 1786, 402-5-9

In Collector Thos Roberts hands for 1787, 497-5-7

In Constable Benjamin Davis hands
for 1787 400-2-10

Raised in Dr J. How's list for 1788
In Specie 130-8-64 in Certificates 424-12-1 555-0-7

Raised in sd How's Town list for
the year 1788 55-4-1

Raised in Dr J. How's non resident
list in Specie 17-0-04 in Certificates 17-0-0 34-0-0

Raised toward Henderson's list for 1788 500-9-5

In Specie 17-12-64 in Certificates 382-8-11

Paid in sd Henderson's Town list
 for 1788 41-8-5
 Received in part of an Execution the
 Town against Palmer 20-0-0
 Received for an house lot sold by
 Jonathan Morris 28-10-0
 Received of the Selectmen for the
 year 1787 Votes, New Emission & Certificates 92-0-7
 Money paid Mr Haven in 1788 and
 not receipted for until now 3-1-6
 4774-0-0
 The Towns Accounts for 1788 as kept by the
 Selectmen. Pr Debts
 Paid the State Treasurer in full
 for 1785 as per Receipts 396-12-8
 Paid the Selectmen for 1787 in part
 of a balance due to them 22-11-0
 Paid Rev Joseph Havens salary in
 full to March 26, 1787 63-3-7
 Paid Rev Joseph Havens salary in
 part for the year 1788 after March 26 20-9-4
 Paid Mr Havens salary in full to
 March 26, 1788 80-0-0
 Allowed an abatement on Wm
 Ueal's list for 1780 5-9-4
 Paid James Adams for a highway
 through his land 7-10-0
 Allowed an abatement on Mr
 Palmers list 8-2-1
 Paid Col Place for carrying on D. Cooks
 Law Suit 3-1-0

Paid Reuben Heards order for hiring
 a soldier 10-16-0
 Taken back from John Vute a counter-
 feit Certificate 3-0-0
 Paid Paul Harford a bad Collector for
 his services 10-0-0
 Abatements allowed on said Harfords
 Rate list 20-7-11
 Paid Dea Saml Plummer in full for
 a road through his land 3-0-0
 Paid for repairing the Parsonage House
 for the year 1785 10-13-11
 Paid for repairing the Parish House
 for the year 1787 38-10-12
 Paid for repairing the Parish House
 in part for the year 1788 25-18-0
 Paid Josiah Uain for drawing and
 returning jurors for 1787 & other services
 through the year 2-14-0
 Paid Col Sherburne a Vote part of
 his fee in Cook's case
 Paid Hannah Uain in part for
 keeping Sarah Rollins 1-14-0
 Paid James Adams for time & ex-
 pense in D. Cook's case 4-2-0
 Paid Jonathan Dame as a lot layer
 in the year 1786 2-0-0
 Paid Aaron H. Ingate Esq as a lot layer
 in the - 1786 0-12-0
 Paid Henry Tebbetts for supplying the
 Wid Weymouth in 1787 0-12-0

Paid Daniel Kimball in full for a
 road through his land 1-10-0
 Paid Timothy Ricker as an evidence
 in D. Cook's case 0-14-0
 Paid Anthony Rollins in full for a
 road through his land 3-15-0
 Paid En^d Corson for a road through
 the Barney lot 0-10-0
 Paid Esq^r Plummer for setting on
 Harford's case 20 cash 4/8 1-6-8
 Paid Gen Sullivan's fee in Horn &
 Heinos case 1-16-0
 Paid Jerry Folsom cash for his expense
 to Boston 1-16-0
 Paid Col Chatburne & Capt Rogers a
 Committee 2-0-0
 Paid Joseph Plummers expense of
 the Committee in Palmer's case 1-6-0
 Paid Joseph Lias Esq^r in part of his
 account 1-2-8
 Paid Col Rawson & paid Col Roberts serv-
 a warrant on Heinos 4/8 0-13-8
 Paid Col Roberts a vote for collecting a
 Tax in 1785
 Allowed abatements on said Roberts
 non resident list and copying his list
 at Exeter 1-0-2
 Paid Mr Palmer for time at the Con-
 vention 14 days at 6 4-4-0
 Paid the State Treasurer in part
 for 1786 12-1-6-8

Paid the State Treasurer in part
 for year 1787 294-13-4
 Paid Capt Wute as an evidence on
 D. Cook's case 4/8 & his services as an
 assessor 1-0-8
 Paid Capt Shannon on the expense
 of the Committee on Palmer's Trespass 1-12-5
 Paid Capt Shannon the expense of
 the Committee on Daniel Cook's case 5-16-0
 Paid Lchabod Hayes in part for a vote
 of hand against the Town in the year 1783 8-8-6
 Paid Capt Roberts for three days run-
 ning the ten rod road 0-12-0
 Paid Capt Roberts for one drum ^s 30/
 & one file & Paid Ahm Horn 2 1-17-0
 Paid Dr^r How as Overseer of the Poor
 in part pr account 17-0-0
 Paid Col Roberts for serving a warrant
 & summoning a jury on Paul Harford's
 case 1-4-4
 Paid Lchabod Hayes in part of his vote
 against the Town 0-15-0
 For making Rate lists & Counterpins
 for year 1788 3-12-0
 For making Surveyors lists & Counter-
 pins for 1788 1-10-0
 For making non resident lists &
 Counterpins for 1788 1-4-0
 For taking an Inventory & making
 a return 4-0-0
 For writing paper & for 2 days at 6

going to Exeter and expense 0-18-0
 The Selectmen's services for year 1788, 4-10-0
 For the Auditors services for year 1788, 1-4-0
 For cash paid for taking out Palmer's
 Execution and returning it 0-4-8

Outstanding in Collectors Constables
 and Selectmen's hands (viz)
 In Collector Paul Harford's hands
 for 1781 25-10-7

In Constable John Vute's hands
 for the year 1782 87-8-6

In Collector Moses Roberts hands
 for the year 1782 204-2-4

In Collector Barnabas Palmer's
 hands for 1783 25-19-10

In Collector Richard Place's hands
 for 1784 57-13-4

In Constable John Vute's hands for 1784, 99-19-10

In Collector Thomas Roberts hands for 1785, 37-6-8

In Constable John Vute's hands for 1785, 137-1-6

In Collector Thomas Roberts hands for 1786, 393-6-5

In Constable John Vute's hands for 1786, 402-5-9

In Collector Thomas Roberts hands for 1787, 451-9-8

In Constable Benjamin Davis hands for 1787, 387-19-5

In Doc^r How's list for the year 1788, 632-2-10

In Howard Henderson's list for the year 1788, 341-9-10

In Selectmen's hands in Votes and
 Certificates & New Emission 46-3-1

Balance due to the Selectmen 16-18-7½

Debit 4790-16-7½
 Credit 4774-0-0

The Towns Account both Debit & Credit for
 the year 1788 to this date March 30th 1789

James Adams
 Jacob Hanson } Selectmen
 Schabod Hayes }

Having cast the Counterpins & examined
 the Towns accounts they appear to us to be
 well adjusted as exhibited to us by the
 Selectmen this 30th day of March 1789

James Town
 Ephraim Kimball } Auditors

After some debates it was put to vote to
 see if the Town would except of the above
 accounts as was read by the Clerk in the
 presence of the meeting and it was voted
 in the affirmative

Recorded Or me Josiah Main Town Clerk.
 To the Inhabitants of the Town of Rochester
 paying taxes - You are hereby notified that
 the annual Town meeting will be held
 in the meeting house in said Rochester
 on Monday the 30th day of this instant
 March at ten of the clock A.M. to act on
 the following particulars.

1st To give in their votes for a President for
 the State of New Hampshire for one year
 from the first of next June having the
 qualifications required by the Constitution

2 To give in their votes for State & County
 Officers.

3 To give in their votes for two Senators

for the County of Strafford and State aforesaid with such qualifications as the Constitution of this State requires.

4 To give in their votes for a County Treasurer & a Recorder of Deeds for said County. Then at said meeting to elect all necessary Town Officers

1 To elect a Moderator to regulate said meeting
2 To elect one person for a Representative for said Town or two persons if the Town think proper & best when convened to represent said town in General Court the term of one year from the first of next June with the qualifications as the law directs

3 To elect all Town officers for said Town as the law directs

4 To hear a petition dated March 2^d 1789 requesting the Town to vote to assist in repairing the highways in the upper part of the Town by taking some out of the lower districts and annexing them to the upper districts or any other way the Town may think proper & best when convened.

5 A request of Maj Jonathan Downing & George Downing to see if the Town will vote to give them some thing as a consideration for their services in the Continental Army

6 To see if the Town will vote for the Selectmen to call all Constables & Collectors to settle up their lists to the year 1787 by the first day of August next otherwise

to send them Extents immediately after that date. All persons concerned are desired to give their attendance at time & place.

Rochester March 17th 1789

James Adams

Jacob Hanson

Ichabod Fay

Selectmen

State New Hampshire

At the annual meeting of the Town of Rochester according to notification and holden in the meeting house the 30th day of March Anno Domini 1789 the following business was transacted (viz)

The Votes for a President were declared as followeth

For Gen Sullivan 131

For his excellency John Pickering 131

For Josiah Bartlett 1

The Votes for Senators were declared as followeth

For Col John McDuffee 150

For Capt David Cope 98

For Col Eben Smith 42

Col John Waldron 30

Voted that James Knowles Esq^r is chosen Moderator of said meeting

2 Josiah Main Chosen Town Clerk for the present year.

3 Voted that Mr Barnabas Palmer is chosen Representative

The Votes for a Recorder of Deeds were as follows (viz)

Josiah Folson 47

Capt Thomas Shannon 28

Benj^m Pierce 22

Jabez Dame 27

The votes for a County Treasurer were as follows (viz)

Thomas Footman 132, Major Cogswell 4

Mat^r Cooper 6, Jabez Dame 26

Voted that Capt James Adams is chosen the first Selectman and the meeting adjourned until tomorrow at 12 of the Clock.

March 31 met according to adjournment & voted that Jacob Hinson is chosen the 2^d Selectman & voted that Simon Torr is chosen the 3^d Selectmen.

Relatiah Cartland, Doc^t James Howe chosen Commissioners

Ht Richard Furber Dea^m Samuel Plummer Assessors

Sam^e Wingate Benjamin Copp, Col Thos Roberts, Capt Eben^r Pickett, Wm Trickey, Joseph Plummer, Nathan Vock, Aaron Wingate Esq, Caleb Wakeham, Thomas Pinkham, Daniel Knowles, Daniel Rogers, Doc^t James How, Enoch Burnham, Eben^r Hornfu^r, Ht Jos Holmes, Joseph Holmes, Stephen Ham, Col David Place, Moses Barney Jun^r, Jonathan Dame, Ichabod Earl, Joseph Heard Jun^r were chosen Surveyors of highways for the present year.

Ht Richard Place, Dea^m Samuel Plummer, Overseers of the Poor.

Paul Hibbey, William Jenness, Ephraim Twombly, Benjamin Collins, Tobias Twombly, Jun^r Richard Hilton were chosen Tythingmen Jonathan Richards, Richard Hayes, Richard Lois were chosen Field Drivers.

Richard Dame Daniel Hayes Doct James How, were chosen Lot layers.

Eben^r Horn Jun^r Chosen Hog Reeth

Peter Horn Howard Henderson chosen
Fence Viewers.

Jotham Ute, Enoch Ait chosen Constables

Voted that the Surveyors lists should be made on the last years Inventory

Voted that 3 shillings should be laid on a single poll for the use of repairing the highways and bridges the present year.

Peter Cushing Ens John Burgin Chosen
Surveyors of Roads.

Lt Sam^r Richards Chosen Surveyor of Staves
Lt Josh Holmes, Jonathan Heard, Chosen
Tything men

It was put to vote agreeable to the notification to see if the Town will vote to assist in repairing the highways in the upper part of the town by taking some out of the lower districts and annexing them to the upper districts. It was voted in the affirmative.

It was put to vote to see if the Town will empower the Surveyors to open the ten rod road from the Widow Mary

Davis as far as the end of said road and it was voted in the affirmative.

Voted that this meeting stands adjourned to the first Monday in June next & then to meet at this place.

Monday June the first met according to adjournment and the following business was transacted viz/

It was put to vote to see if the Town will give George Downing and Jonathan Downing fifty dollars in stock or lumber to be paid to each of them at the market price as a consideration for their services in the Continental Army And it was unanimously Voted in the affirmative.

The 5th article mentioned in the Votification was dismissed.

Heard Roberts chosen Surveyor of the highways.

Voted that this meeting stands adjourned to the 22^d day of this instant June and then to meet at this place.

June 22^d Met according to adjournment and the following business was transacted viz/ Voted that the Selectmen have power to let out the Rate lists to some suitable persons as Collectors to collect the taxes and said Collectors are to give such bonds as shall be acceptable to the Selectmen

And the meeting dissolved.

Recorded By Josiah Main Town Clerk.

Upon adjournment March 31st 1789.

We the Inhabitants & freeholders of the Town of Rochester at the annual meeting held in said Town upon adjournment as legal voters do enter our dissent against said meeting and do affirm that one or all the Selectmen were not legally chosen at said meeting. Therefore do call on the Clerk of said Town to record the same that we may have an equal chance to act as freemen and do put ourselves on the County for justice.

Moses Austin, Isaac Wentworth, Edmund Wingate, Tristram Heard, Sen^r, Josiah Folson, Ephraim Perkins, Jonathan Richards, Jun^r, Samuel Richards, Jedediah Hanson.

Recorded by Josiah Main.

The inhabitants of the Town of Rochester paying taxes are notified that the Annual Town meeting stands adjourned to the first Monday in June next at one of the clock. All persons concerned are desired to give their attendance at time and place. Firstly to hear a petition of a number of inhabitants of said Town requesting a law suit between said Town and John Henry Heino and said Town to pass such a vote or votes as they think most advantageous for the further prosecution of said suit agreeable to said petition.

Also to hear a petition of a number of the inhabitants of sd town signed by Gotham Vute, John Barney and others requesting said Town to vote to lay them out a highway agreeable to their petition by exchange or by purchase.

Rochester May 16th 1789.

James Adams } Selectmen
Simon Torr }

At a legal Town meeting holden in Rochester on the first day of June A.D. 1789 the Town voted that Aaron Wingate Esq. is chosen an agent for said Town with full power to carry on and prefer a petition to the General Assembly in behalf of Anna Horn of said Town against John H. Minor
3rd Voted that the lot layers shall lay out a road as mentioned in the notification provided the lands where said road may be made shall be free from any expense to the Town. And the meeting dissolved

Recorded Pr Josiah Wain, Town Clerk.
The inhabitants of the Town of Rochester are hereby required to meet at the meeting house in said Town on Monday the 22^d day of June at 4 of the clock in the afternoon to elect by Ballot some person having the qualifications required by the Constitution of the United States to represent this State in Congress also to hear a petition signed by Benjamin Odiorne and

others to see if the Town will vote to straighten the highway from the meeting house to Josiah Bentworth's house likewise to see if the Town will vote to lay out a highway to Peter Cushings land agreeable to said petition and if voted to chuse a committee and empower them to act agreeable to said petition & all persons are required to give their attendance at the above time and place.

Rochester June 6, 1789.

James Adams } Selectmen
Jacob Hanson }

At a legal town meeting holden in Rochester the 22 day of June A.D. 1789 the following business was transacted (viz)
1st Voted that John Plummer Esq^r is chosen Moderator of said meeting.

The Votes gave in at the meeting agreeable to the notification were as follows.

Votes for Mr James Sheaff 37

Votes for Mr Samuel Sherburne 10

It was put to vote to see if the Town will straighten the road from the meeting house to Josiah Bentworth's as mentioned in the notification and Voted in the Negative

Voted that the lot layers shall lay out a road from Mr James Horns land to the river

Voted that Mr Simon Torr is chosen

agents to join issue with Aaron Kingate Esq^r to carry on a law suit in behalf of Anna Horn of said Town against John H. Heiner. And the meeting dissolved.

Recorded by Josiah Main, Town Clerk.
To the inhabitants of the Town of Rochester paying taxes - You are hereby notified of a Publick town meeting to be held in the meeting house in said Town on Monday the nineteenth day of this instant October at two of the clock in the afternoon to act on the following business First To chuse a Moderator to govern said meeting.

2nd To hear a petition of a number of inhabitants of sd Town requesting the Town to vote to exchange the pland road by the long marsh for one that can be made passable and to act agreeable to the petition of James Place & others

3rd To hear the petition of George R. Downing Thomas Sam and others to see if the Town will vote to choose a committee to run out the ten rod road and if voted to empower them to act agreeable to said petition

4th To see if the Town will vote to give Col John Goodwin a sufficient deed of all the land on the South side of the road where John H. Heiners house stands belonging to the fourth division that

this town had of Paul Harford in consideration of said Goodwins giving the Town a sufficient deed of the road at the North East end of his land between the brook & Benjamin Harfords also to see if the Town will empower the Selectmen for the time being to sell the remaining part of the above mentioned fourth division on the north side of the road at Public Vendue.

All persons concerned are required to give their attendance at the above time and place. Given under our hands at Rochester the 10th day of October A.D. 1789

James Adams
Jacob Hanson } Selectmen
Simon Torr

Rochester March 25. 1790.

Received of James Adams, Jacob Hanson & Simon Torr Selectmen for sd Town fifty nine pound ten shillings and eight pence £ money in full for my salary to the 25th of March of March 1789 also twenty seven pounds sixteen shillings and five pence £ money in part of my salary after March the 25th 1789 Recd by me

Joseph Haven.

State New Hampshire } The freeholders & inhabitants of the Town of Rochester that Harford &c are legal voters in Town meet-
are hereby notified of a publick town

meeting to be holden in the meeting house in Rochester on Monday the seventh day of June next at one of the clock in the afternoon sd day then & there to act on the following business (viz)

1st To choose a Moderator for said meeting
2nd To hear a request of a number of the inhabitants of the upper part of said Town setting forth their grievances & praying the consent of the lower part of the Town that they may be set off as a Town with Town privileges and pass such votes relative there to as the Town may think proper.

3rd As there is a dispute with Capt Moses Roberts a Collector for the year 1782 concerning the cast of his list of that year - To see if the Town will choose a Committee to examine fully into the cast of said list & Counterpin & make a return to the Selectmen or otherwise abide by the cast that has been already made by the former Selectmen that a speedy settlement may be made with said Collector

4th To see what the Town will choose to do with their fourth division lot of land by the meeting house (formerly Mr Harfords) whether they will abide by the appraisal and proceedings of the former Selectmen relative to the sale of said lot or parts thereof or whether they will vote to dispose of the same some other way. And all persons concerned

are desired to attend as the adjournment of the annual meeting is on the same day Given under our hands at Rochester the 29th day of May 1790.

Jabez Dame

Simon Torr

Edward Collins

Selectmen of
Rochester.

The legal voters being met according to notification the petition from the upper part of the Town for sundry reasons was dismissed.

Voted that Doc^r James How & Richard Dame be a committee to examine into the cast of Capt Moses Roberts rate list and make a return of their proceedings to the Selectmen as soon as may be most convenient.

The 4th article mentioned in the notification as touching the fourth division lot of land which belongs to the Town laying near the meeting house formerly Paul Harfords was voted in the Negative. And the meeting dissolved.

Recorded Pr Josiah Wain Town Clerk
State New Hampshire
At a legal Town Meeting holden in the meeting house Strafford S.D. in Rochester this 19th day of October 1789 the following business was transacted.

1st John Plummer Esq was chosen Moderator of sd meeting

It was put to vote to see if the Town will

exchange part of the planned road by the long marsh so called for one that can be passable if it can be done free of any expense to the Town & voted in the affirmative.

2nd It was put to vote to see if the Town will choose a committee to run out the ten rod road as mentioned in the Notification and voted in the affirmative.

4th Voted that Capt Hubertus Heal, Aaron Wingate Esq & Col John Mc Duffee be a committee to run out sd ten rod road as mentioned before.

5th Voted that William Hamis rates should be taken off from Benj Dames list for the year 1783.

The other articles in the Notification were dismissed & the meeting dissolved.

Recorded pr Josiah Wain Town Clerk
The Town of Rochester's Account for the year 1789. Returned in Constables & Collectors & Selectmens hands March 27, 1789. Pr. Cr.
In Paul Harfords hands Collector for the year 1781 25-10-7

In John Viter's hands Collector for the year 1782 87-8-6

In Barnabads Palmers hands Collector for 1783 25-19-10

In Moses Roberts hands Collector for 1782, 204-2-4

In Richard Places hands Collector for 1784 57-13-4

In John Viter's hands Constable for 1784. 99-19-10

In Thomas Roberts hands Collector for 1785, 57-6-8
 In John Utes hands Constable for 1785, 137-1-6
 In Thos Roberts hands Collector for 1786 393-6-5
 In John Utes hands Constable for 1786 402-5-9
 In Thos Roberts hands Collector for 1787 451-3-8
 In Benjamin Davis hands Collector for 1787 387-19-5
 In James Lewis hands Collector for 1788, 632-2-10
 In Howard Henderson's hands Collector
 for 1788 541-9-10

Raised in Thos Roberts list the year 1789/
 in Specie 70-5-0 in Certificates 70-5-0 } 340-10-0
 Raised in Elijah Barney's list the
 year 1789 in Specie 153-10-1 } 307-0-2
 In Certificates 153-10-1 }

Raised in Thos Roberts Town list for
 the year 1789 61-3-3

Raised in Thos Roberts non-resident
 list for the year 1789 32-19-0

Raised in Elijah Barney's Town list
 for the year 1789 40-14-2

In Selectmen hands the year 1788
 in Votes and Certificates 50-3-10

Received in part of a Vote against
 Jacob Chamberlin 1-10-0
 £ 4327-10-11

The Towns Accounts for 1789 as kept by the
 Selectmen as per Debts.

Paid the State Treasurer in part
 for year 1786 as per receipt 318-0-0

Paid the State Treasurer in part
 for year 1787 as per receipt 27-10-8

Paid the Selectmen for 1788 in part
 of a balance due to them 9-18-1

Paid Rev Joseph Haven salary in full
 to March 25th 1789 27-1-5

Abatement on John Utes Rate list
 for the year 1782 68-10-9

Paid Joshua W ingate Esq sitting in
 Paul Harford's case 24 and as a Committee
 man 24/ 2-4-0

Paid John Kelley as a committee man
 on Salmon falls road 1-1-0

Paid Capt Wm Allen's account of time
 & expense in Palmer's trespass 4-9-0

Paid Capt Storer for rum when Har-
 ford was put out of his house 1-1-0

Paid Capt Storer for supplies for Ann Horn 0-12-0

Paid Nathaniel Johnson for taking
 a Town Charge 2-0-0

Paid Thos Jewett in part for supplies
 for the parish house 1-10-0

Paid Eph^m Kimball money due to him
 in Utes list for hiring a soldier 8-13-1

Paid Capt Roberts for repairing the
 road by Place Hill 1-17-6

Paid Hatevil Knight for a road through
 the Barney lot 1-13-6

Paid Miss Palmer an evidence at
 Dovers Durham in Ann Horns case 0-12-2

Paid Mr Fisher for putty for the parish
 house 0-12-0

Paid Col Dame in part of an execution 10-4-0

Paid Thos Odiorne copying the non-
 resident list at Exeter 0-12-0
 Paid Josiah Main 45% for his services
 as town clerk for the year 1788 2-5-0
 Paid Josiah Main for his services as
 town clerk for the year 1789 3-6-0
 Paid for keeping Wick Hammuck in full
 for one year 7-10-0
 Paid Samuel Plummer as an Assessor
 for the year 1789 0-9-0
 Paid Samuel Plummer as an Overseer
 of the Poor as pr account 1-8-0
 Cash paid Esq Wingate in Ann Horns case 2-13-0
 Paid Maj Joshua Wierow for drum and life 1-15-0
 Paid Jonathan Dame for running
 roads his account 2-9-6
 Paid John Cloutman in part for his
 services for the year 1787 2-10-3
 Paid Col Roberts his Note for collecting
 the tax for the year 1786 6-6-0
 Paid Miss Ellis an evidence at Dover
 & Durham in Ann Horns case 0-13-6
 Paid Esq Wingate for 2 days running the town road 0-12-0
 Paid Esq Wingate in part for carrying on
 Ann Horns cause 3-4-1
 Paid Ephraim Wentworth for a road
 through his land 2-0-0
 Paid Benjamin Copp for a road
 through his land 6-0-0
 Paid the County Treasurer in part
 for the year 1784 15-4-11

Paid George Downing in full for his
 Note of hand 5-0-0
 Paid Eph^r Kimball an auditor for the
 year 1787 & 1788 1-4-0
 Paid Jonathan Dame for running
 roads as pr account 1-10-0
 Paid Timothy Gicker for a road through
 his land 9-6-0
 Paid Thos Card for a road through his
 land 1-10-0
 Paid expense of sending the Rate lists
 for the year 1788 2-4-10
 636-16-11
 Paid Col John McDuffe his action
 Palmer's trespass 4-6-2
 Paid Thos Davis an abatement on
 the non resident list 0-4-8
 Paid in part the Overseers of the Poor Act 3-6-5
 Paid Ens Corson in full as an Assessor
 for the year 1787 0-9-0
 Paid James Adams for a day in levy-
 ing Votes Extent 0-6-0
 Paid Jacob Hanson for his Act for
 time in Harfords & Ann Horns case 4-18-0
 Paid Simon Torr his Act carrying
 on Ann Horns cause 1-16-0
 Paid Simon Torr his act for time at
 Portsmouth Exeter & Durham 3-11-3
 Paid Simon Torr in part for taking
 the Inventory for 1789 0-12-4
 Paid Paul Libbey his Account appraising
 Harford's land 0-4-0

Paid Paul Libbey for lands not legally sold 0-7-10
 Paid Dr^r How as an Auditor for the year
 1788 & 1789 1-4-0
 Paid Eben^r Jones his Act an evidence
 in Palmer's cause 0-12-0
 Paid En^r Corson a Committee man
 at Weederborough road 8-6-0
 Paid Miss H. Wain in full for keeping
 Sarah Collins 2-16-0
 Paid James Adams his Act for time
 in Ann Horn's & Harford's cause 4-4-0
 Paid Col Roberts the service of a Writ 0-9-0
 Paid Esq Wingate in part his Act in
 Ann Horn's cause 1-10-0
 Paid expense of the Court & Jury in
 Harford's cause 1-3-2
 Due for making Ratelists & Counterpins
 for 1789 3-12-0
 For making Surveyors lists and Counter
 pins for 1789 1-10-0
 For making non resident lists & Counter
 pins for 1789 1-4-0
 For taking an Inventory for the year 1789 1-15-8
 For writing paper & paid for taking
 out Palmer's execution $\frac{1}{2}$ 2-0
 For the Selectmen's services for the year
 1789 4-10-0
 Paid Miss H. Wain in part of her note
 by order 1-5-0
 683-6-11

Outstanding in Collectors, Constables and
 Selectmen's hands for the year 1789
 In Collector Paul Harford's hands for the
 year 1781 25-10-7
 In Collector Moses Roberts hands for
 the year 1782 199-19-4
 In Collector Barnabas Palmer's hands
 for the year 1783 28-8-11
 In Collector Richard Place's hands
 the year 1784 38-12-1
 In Collector John Viter's hands the year 1784 79-17-6
 In Collector Thos Roberts hands the year 1785 22-19-2
 In Collector John Viter's hands the year 1785 10-14-9
 In Collector Thos Roberts hands the year 1785 28-14-5
 In Constable John Viter's hands the year 1786 386-0-10
 In Collector Benjamin Dams hands the year 1787 357-19-5
 In Collector Thos Roberts hands the year 1787 383-8-0
 In Collector James How's hands the year 1788 553-17-6
 In Collector Howard Henderson's hands for 1788 541-9-10
 Raised in Thos Roberts Rate list for 1789 424-12-3
 Raised in Elijah Barney's rate list
 the year 1789 347-14-4
 In Selectmen's hands in Votes & Cer
 tificates for year 1789 110-17-2
 In Selectmen's hands in cash for the
 year 1789 4-6-7
 Debt & 4341-9-7
 Or 4327-10-11
 Due to the Selectmen Balance 13-8-8
 The Town's Acts both Debt & Credit for the
 year 1789 to this date March 29th 1790

James Adams }
 Jacob Hanson } Selectmen
 Simon Torr }

Having cast the Counterpins and examined the Towns Accounts they appear to us to be well adjusted as exhibited to us by the Selectmen this 29th day of March 1798

James Torr }
 Pelatiah Portland } Auditors

Strafford S. S. To the inhabitants of the Town of Rochester paying taxes - You are hereby notified that the annual Town meeting will be held in the meeting house in said Town on Monday the 29th day of this month at nine of the clock in the forenoon to act on the following particulars (viz)

1st To give in their votes for a President for the State of New Hampshire for the term of one year from the first day of June next having the qualifications required by the Constitution of said State.

2nd To give in their votes for two Senators for said County for the term of one year from the first day of June next having the qualifications required as aforesaid.

3rd To give in their votes for a County Treasurer & Recorder of Deeds for said County.

Then to elect Town Officers

4th To elect a Moderator to preside over and govern said meeting
 To elect one or more suitable person or

persons to represent said Town in General Court for the term of one year from the first day of June next.

3rd To elect all other Town officers that the Law directs

4th To see if the Town will grant the petition of James Place, Richard Dames & others for a road through Robert Evans land and others by exchange or purchase & if voted to chuse a committee with power to act pursuant to said petition.

5th To see if the Town will vote to grant the petition of Schabod Corson Jun^r and Joseph Heard and others & if voted to chuse a committee with power to act agreeable to said petition.

6th To see if the Town will vote to chuse a committee to enquire and find out certain pieces of waste lands in said Town & if voted to empower said committee to act agreeable to the petition of Edward Rollins, Josiah Tolson & others

7th To see if the Town will vote to exchange or purchase a road through Elisha Wentworths land agreeable to a petition of sd Wentworth and if voted for the Selectmen to give and take the deeds.

8th To see if the Town will vote to reconsider a vote past last year respecting Jonathan Downing as a soldier and if voted to see if the Town will vote an addition to

the sum voted him last year.
 9th To see if the Town will vote to purchase
 a chest or writing desk with a lock and
 key to keep the Town papers in.
 All persons concerned are requested to
 give their attendance at the above time
 and place. Given under our hands at
 Rochester this 13th day of March Anno Domini
 1790. James Adams

Jacob Hanson } Selectmen
 Simon Torr }

State New Hampshire At the annual meeting
 of the inhabitants of Rochester
 Strafford ss according to notification &
 holden in the meeting house on the 29th
 day of March A.D. 1790 and being so con-
 vened the following business was trans-
 acted (viz) The votes given in for a president
 for the State of New Hampshire were as
 followeth For John Pickering Esq^r 189 votes
 For Col Joshua Wentworth Esq^r 67

For Senators

2nd Joseph Pierce Esq 174 votes
 Col John Waldron Esq 67
 Col John McDuffie Esq 112
 David Coppers Esq 43

For Recorder of Deeds

3rd Capt Thos Shannon 174 votes
 John Smith Esq 14
 Benjamin Pierce 12
 Nath Cooper 3

For a County Treasurer.

4 Thos Footman 166 votes
 5th John Plummer Esq^r Chosen Moderator
 of said meeting
 6 Josiah Wain Chosen Town Clerk
 7 Barnabas Palmer Chosen Representative
 Jabez Dams Esq
 8 Simon Torr } Chosen Selectmen
 Lt Edward Rollins }

And the meeting adjourned until tomor-
 row at 10 of the clock A.M. and to meet at
 the meeting house.

March 31st Met according to adjournment
 and the following business was transacted

9 Capt James Adams } Chosen Commissioners
 Jacob Hanson }

10 Ens Ichabod Corson } Chosen Assessors
 Daniel Rogers }

11 Doc^r James How } Overseers of the Poor.
 Capt Daniel McDuffie }

The following persons were chosen survey-
 ors for the Highways the present year

12 Samuel Wingate	Paul Jenness
Samuel Allen	Enoch Burnham
Col Thomas Roberts	Daniel Rogers
Ens Benja ^m Edworne	Anthony Poley
Joseph Bickford	Joseph Allard
Stephen Ham	Simon Torr
Col David Place	Moses Austin
Joseph Heard jun ^r	Benjamin Cops
Lt Richard Furber	Joseph Plummer

Samuel Twombly Jr Sam^l Vute
 Mark Miller Caleb Wakeham
 Ichabod Pearl Joseph Knight
 William Wentworth

19 Voted that a single poll shall do one day's labour on the highways & bridges and to be allowed 3/4 per day finding themselves materials to work with.

Joseph Heard the 3^d
 14 David Corson
 Caleb Jackson } Chosen Tything men.
 Robert Knight
 Jo^h Sam

15 It was put to vote agreeable to the notification to see if the Town will empower the Selectmen to assist in repairing the roads & bridges in the upper part of the Town by taking some labourers out of the lower District and annexing them to the upper district and it was voted in the affirmative

Col David Place
 16 Jonathan Dame } Chosen lot layers
 Daniel Hayes
 Lt Richard Place
 17 En^l James W^m Duffe } Chosen Fence Viewers
 Peter Horn
 Daniel Rogers
 David Langley
 Ephraim Perkins Jr
 18 James Coleman } Chosen Field Drivers
 Samuel Sevey

Daniel Hursey
 John Cloutman } Chosen Field Drivers
 Timothy Stephens

19 Anthony Pevey } Chosen Constables.
 En^l John Burgin
 En^l John Burgin

20 Nathan Vock } Surveyors of Boards.
 Anthony Pevey
 Peter Cushing

21 Lt Samuel Richards } Chosen Surveyors of Staves

22 William Ellis } Chosen Hog Reeths.
 Jonathan Richards Jr

22 It was put to vote agreeable to the notification to see if the Town will lay out a road from the road that leads to Uderbrough so called near where Hugh Tucker now lives through y^e lands of Robert Evans James Place En^l Moses Hayes and others to the cross road on the westerly side of William Hodgdon's lands where it may be most convenient for the Public & least disadvantageous to individuals and it was voted in the affirmative

23 Voted that Doc^r James How & Mr Richard Dame is chosen a committee in behalf of the Town to procure said road as mentioned in the notification and to make a report of their so doing as soon as may be most convenient.

24 It was put to vote to see if the Town will give Ichabod Corson Jr the four

rod road lying at the U. East end of Francis Wentworth's land in exchange for the road that runs through sd Corson's land and voted in the affirmative. Josiah Tolson & Lt Collins request as touching the waste lands was dismissed.

25 It was put to vote to see if the Town will give Elihu Wentworth the four rod road that runs between his land and Benjamin Copes land in exchange for the road that goes through said Wentworth's land & voted in the affirmative.

Mr Jonathan Downings request was put over until the adjournment of this meeting.

26 It was put to vote to see if the Town will purchase a chest with a lock & key to keep the Selectmen's papers in & it was voted in the affirmative.

27 Voted that this Town meeting is adjourned to the first Monday in June next which will be the seventh day of sd month at 2 of the clock P. M. at the meeting house in Rochester to which time & place this meeting is adjourned.

Monday June the 7th met according to adjournment. It was put to vote to see if the Town will chuse a committee to settle with Jonathan Downing as a soldier and voted in the affirmative.

Voted that Jabez Daniels Esq. Col John W.

Duffie, Simon Torr, be a committee to settle with sd Downing in behalf of the Town on such terms as they shall think best for the interest of the Town.

Voted that this meeting is dissolved.

Recorded By Josiah Main, Town Clerk.

The freeholders & inhabitants of the Town of Rochester that are legal voters in Town meetings for Representatives are hereby notified of a Publick Town meeting to be holden in the Meeting house in sd Town on Monday the 30th day of August current at one of the clock in the afternoon then & there to act on the following particulars.

1st To give in their votes for three persons having the qualifications required to represent this State in Congress for two years from the first Monday of March next.

2nd To chuse a Moderator to regulate the Meeting for the following business.

By a petition from the upper part of the Town for the following particulars.

To see if the Town will vote that the upper part of the Town be divided into two Towns exclusive of the lower Town.

To see if the Town will vote to chuse a committee to say where the dividing line shall be established & make report to the Selectmen. - To see if the Town will vote that the Selectmen prefer a petition to the General Court setting forth the reason

& necessity of it with the votes of the Town respecting it and request in behalf of the Town that the same be established agreeable to the report of the committee and incorporated as separate and acting Towns from each other. To see if the Town will vote to pay us back our proportion of the money in stock according to whatever we pay & (if any there be) any other votes the Town shall think necessary --- Thus far the Petition

To see if the Town will vote another tax of one day on the single poll for repairing the highways as the first tax is almost workt out and the ways still complained of in some parts of the Town.

To see if the Town will chuse another Constable in the centre of the Town as it will sometimes be an advantage to the Town And all concerned are desired to attend at time and place. Given under our hands at Rochester this 4th day of August 1798

Jabez Daine

Edward Collins Selectmen

Simon Torr

At a legal town meeting holden in the meeting house in Rochester on Monday the 30th day of August A.D. 1798 the following business was transacted viz/

The persons voted for the State Representatives were as follows For Samuel Liver-

more Esq 85 votes

James Sheaf Esq 65

Jeremy Smith Esq 57

John Sherburne Esq 34

Nicholas Gilman Esq 32

2^d Voted that Doc^t James How is chosen

Moderator of this meeting

It was put to vote to see if the Town will act on the article in the Notification respecting that the upper part of the Town be divided into two Towns exclusive of the lower Town and Voted in the Negative.

3^d It was put to vote to see if the Town will vote an additional tax of one days work on a single poll to work on the highways & voted in the Negative

Voted that Dearborn Jewett is chosen Constable.

It was put to vote to see if the Town will discount John Wentworths rates in Capt Moses Roberts list for the year 1782 and it was voted in the Negative & the meeting dissolved

Recorded By Josiah Main, Town Clerk.
State View The freeholders and inhabitants of the Town of Rochester are hereby notified of a Publick Town meeting to be holden in the meeting house on Monday the thirteenth day of December next at one of the clock in the afternoon to transact on the follow-

ing business-First:

To elect by ballot two of the following persons who had the highest number of votes that were not elected (viz) Jeremiah Smith, Nicholas Gilman, John Samuel Sherburne, and Abiel Foster Esq to represent this State in the Congress of the United States for two years from the first day of March next.

On Town business first to choose a Moderator. Secondly To see if the Town will choose a committee to petition the General Court and therein remonstrate against the lower part of the County of Strafford being set off to the County of Rockingham as has been proposed.

On settling with Constable Vute it appears that some mistake has been made as said Vute holds three receipts (viz) one of 1782 and two of 1789 which have not been allowed to him as the account has been handed to the Town.

Thirdly To see if the Town will choose some suitable committee to see what to be done with said receipts and to give said committee such power as shall be necessary therefore and also to empower said committee to call upon the Selectmen of the last year for a settlement and to give up the Town's property that was put in their hands the last year as the present settle-

ment men cannot obtain it although often requested &c.

And all concerned are desired to attend at time and place.

Given under our hands at Rochester this thirtieth day of November Anno Domini 1798.

Jabez Dame

Simon Torr

Edward Collins

Selectmen.

At a legal Town meeting holden in Rochester on Monday the 3rd day of December 1798 The following business was transacted (viz) first John Plummer Esq chosen Moderator of sd meeting.

2^d The following persons were voted for to represent this State in the Congress of the United States for the term of two years from the fourth day of March next (viz)

Jeremy Smith Esq 77 votes

John S. Sherburne Esq 48

Nicholas Gilman Esq 56

3^d It was put to vote to see if the Town will chuse a committee to draw a petition to the General Court and therein remonstrate against the lower part of the County of Strafford being set off to the County of Rockingham as has been proposed and it was voted in the affirmative.

4th Voted that Messrs Doct James Howe, Col David Place, John Plummer, Junr, Peter Cushing, Capt John Brewster, is chosen a

committee as above mentioned and that they prefer a petition to the Town at the adjournment of this meeting.

5th It was put to vote to see if the Town will chuse a committee to settle with Constable John Vute relative to three receipts which have not been allowed to said Vute as he says as the accounts has been handed to the Town & voted in the affirmative.

6th Voted that Messrs / be a committee as is Doc James How mentioned in the no- Aaron Wingate Esq. tification and that the Jonathan Dame said committee have full power in behalf of the Town to act therefore & voted that the said committee have full power in the behalf of the Town to call on the Selectmen of the last year for a full settlement and to give up the Towns property that was put into their hands the last year & the meeting adjourned to the 27th day of this month.

December 27th met according to adjournment And the committee appearing in the meeting and presented a petition which they drew against the lower part of the County of Strafford being set off to the County of Rockingham & it was put to vote to see if the Town will accept of sd petition & voted in the affirmative.

And the meeting adjourned to this day fortnight. And the weather being excessive

cold & stormy which prevented the assembling of the Town any further of this business.

Recorded By Josiah Wain Town Clerk
The Town of Rochester's Accounts as returned in Constables & Collectors and Selectmens hands in March 29th 1796

In Collector Paul Harfords hands for the year 1781

25-10-7

In Collector Moses Roberts hands for the year 1782

19-9-4

In Collector Barnabas Palmers hands for the year 1783

20-8-11

In Collector Richard Places hands for the year 1784

38-12-1

In Constable John Vute's hands for the year 1784

79-17-6

In Collector Thos Roberts hands for the year 1785

22-19-2

In Constable John Vute's hands for the year 1785

101-14-9

In Collector Thos Roberts hands for the year 1786

28-14-5

In Constable John Vute's hands for the year 1786

386-0-10

In Constable Benjamin Davis hands for the year 1787

387-19-5

In Collector Thos Roberts hands for the year 1787

383-8-0

In Collector James How's hands for the year 1788

553-17-6

In Collector Howard Henderson's hands
for the year 1788 541-9-10

In Collector Thos Roberts hands for
the year 1789 424-12-3

In Collector Elijah Garneys hands
for the year 1789 347-14-4

In Selectmen's hands in Votes & Certifi-
cates 110-17-2

In Selectmen's hands in Cash 4-6-7

Paid in Collector Peter Cushing's Rate
list 1790 196-8-3

In Cushing's non resident list for 1790 17-1-2-3

Paid in Constable Daniel Wingates
rate list for 1790 157-7-1

By an account handed from Capt Adams
of 9525 feet of boards received April 1789
in part of Palmer Tibbets and Garlin's
Execution at 2 1/11 11-8-8

8212 feet of said boards in a trading
way answered 4 in thousand more 2-9-1

By 900 feet of boards of Richard Walker
in part pay of Jacob Chamberlin's Note 1-7-

2 4054-3-11

The Towns Debt or way said money is laid
out and remains.

Paid the State Treasurer in part of
the Taxes for 1786 pr receipt 124-8-1

Paid the County Treasurer in part
for 1783 pr receipt 1-10-2

Paid the County Treasurer in part
for 1784 pr receipt 8-8-6

Paid the County Treasurer in part
for 1785 pr receipt 12-11-10

Paid Col Samuel Tolson's Execution
& Col Davis cost the whole 28-1-5

Paid General Sullivan his services on
Hemors & Palmer's causes 1-5

Paid Miss Hannah Main as in part
of a Note of her's pr receipt 3-10-4

Allowed Collector Moses Roberts an
error in east his list 99-4-0

Allowed sd Roberts the Drawbacks
in his list of 1782 42-2-4

Allowed sd Roberts his services for
collecting his lists 14-0

Paid Jo Dam for a road through his land 1-10-0

Paid Capt Sam White for a drum & life 1-5-0

Paid Waj Perkins the expense in Harford disease 1-3-0

Paid to Rich Furber as an assessor for
1788 and 1789 -18-0

Paid Eben Thompson Esq for fixing the
Place meeting house 1--

Paid Constable John White for collecting
the taxes 4 years 24-6-

Paid Moses Austin for a road through
his land 3--

Paid Capt John Brewster as a lot layer
for the year 1786 -18-

Paid the committee in part for exam-
ining the Towns Act from the year
1782 to 1789 rectifying errors &c 1-4-

Paid the Selectmen in full for assist-
ing the committee -24-

Paid Doc^r How's bill med^s & attendance
 for the poor in year past 1-15-
 Paid Doc^r How one day running road
 As the long marsh -6-
 Paid Doc^r How for carting & examining
 Roberts list for 1782 -5-
 Paid part of a balance returned due
 to the Selectmen in 1787 2-8-
 Paid Jonathan Twombly as an evidence
 in Palmer's trespass -18-
 Paid Wm^r Henderson for timber for Norway
 Plains bridge 1-4-
 Paid Col David Place a sum due to him
 for money on Cook's case 1-15-
 Allowed Richard Place a sum taxed
 on certain persons in his list which is
 due to Capt Adams for procuring a
 soldier 1781 15-8-3
 Allowed the Drawbacks in Constable
 Richard Place's list 1784 7-2-1
 Paid Benj^a Cope for a road going through
 his lands -18-
 Allowed an abatement Wm^r Harris rates
 1783 in Constable Davis list 5-6-9
 Paid Benj^a Cope as an evidence on
 Palmer's Trespass -18-
 Paid Jotham Vute for serving a precept
 on John H. Heiner for a charge of getting
 Ann Horn with child 16-8
 Paid Joseph Clerk Esq^r for writing &
 other services in said Heiner's case 1--

Paid Esq Knowles for taking a depositions
 in sd Heiner's case -4-
 Paid Samuel Kaighton Jun^r as an evi-
 dence in Heiner's case -12-
 Paid by an order of the Selectmen
 of 1789 for supplies for Vick & Amis -18-7
 Paid by an order of the Selectmen of
 1789 for expense of the Parsonage house 3-5-
 Paid John Hammet in part for keeping
 Vick for 1790 3--
 Paid for clothing sd town charge
 for the year 1790 2-11-
 Paid Capt James Adams his account
 for service done last year and not
 charged which was allowed by your
 committee 6--2
 Paid Capt James Adams his part of the
 Balance due to Selectmen 1789 5-5-8
 Paid Capt Adams in part of his time
 while imprisoned on the Town's account
 as allowed by your committee 4-10-7
 Paid Mr Jacob Hanson his account for
 services done last year & not charged
 which was allowed by your committee 3-2-
 Paid Mr Jacob Hanson in part of the
 balance due to Selectmen for 1789 2-14-5
 Paid Mr Simon Torr his part of the
 balance due to Selectmen 4-2-4
 Paid in part the balance due the
 Selectmen for 1789 1-4-0
 Paid the Rev Joseph Haven's salary

in full to 25th of March 1790 52-3-7
 Pd the Rev Joseph Haven in part his salary after 25 of March 1790 24-4-7
 Pd Capt Thos Shannon of the expense of committee on Cooks case 2-8-1
 Pd Mr Jonathan Gage the expense of the Selectmen on Heiner case 2-2-
 Pd Mr Thomas Jewett for sundry articles for repairing the Parsonage House in year 1788, 2-11-7
 Pd Mr James Jewett for articles for repairing Parsonage house for 1788 1-19-
 Pd Ens Benjamin Edborne for serving a precept on Constable Ute 3-1-9
 Pd Mr Trustram Heard in part for building a Pound 7-7-8
 Pd Jabez Dame for articles for repairing the parsonage house 1788 3-
 Pd Thos Footman Esq. in part pay for Capt Adams board while a prisoner on the Town's account 1-7-
 Paid Mr Simon Torr & St Edward Rolins for two days to procure money for paying Tolsons execution 7-6-
 Paid making Surveyors lists & districting Surveyors 2-10-
 Paid for making Gate lists & Counterpens 3-12-
 Paid for making the non resident list & Counterpin 1-4-
 Paid for taking an Inventory for the year 1790 2-8-
 Paid for making School lists & districting Schools 1-7-6-
 Paid the Selectmen services through the year 4-18-

Paid for writing papers for Town uses through the year -6-
 Paid Mr Simon Torr one day to Durham to settle with Gen Sullivan -5-
 Paid the interest of money hired to pay Tolsons Execution -7-6-
 Remains outstanding in Constables & Selectmens hands
 In Collector Paul Harfords hands for the year 1781 25-10-7
 In Collector Moses Roberts hands for 1782 41-17-9
 In Collector Barnabas Palmers hands for 1783 13-3-9
 In Collector Richard Place's hands for 1784 5-2-6
 In Constable John Utes hands for 1784 61-12-6
 In Collector Thomas Roberts hands for 1785 22-19-2
 In Constable John Utes hands 1785 83-19-3
 In Collector Thomas Roberts hands 1786 28-14-5
 In Constable John Utes hands 1786 239-11-1
 In Collector Thomas Roberts hands 1787 319-13-11
 In Constable Benjamin Dams hands 1787 383-8-
 In Collector Thomas Roberts hands 1788 516-19-8
 In Collector James Hows hands 1788 516-15-1
 In Collector Howard Hendersons hands 1789 416-10-4
 In Collector Thos Roberts hands 1789 330-0-0
 In Collector Elijah Varneys hands 213-9-5
 Remains in Collector Peter Cushing's list for 1790 157-7-1
 Remains in Constable Daniel Wingates list 1790
 In the Selectmens hands in Notes & Certificates 104-14-2
 Debs 4056-16-4
 Credit 4054-3-11
 Balance due to the Selectmen for 1790 2-12-5

The true state of the Towns accounts both Debt & Credit as kept by the Selectmen & exhibited to the Commissioners the twenty six day of March 1791

Jabez Dame

Simon Torr

Edward Collins

Selectmen of
Rochester.

Having cast the counterpens and examined the Towns accounts and they appear to us to be well adjusted as exhibited to us by the Selectmen this 24 day of March A.D. 1791

James Adams

Jacob Hanson

Auditors

It was put to vote to see if the Town will accept of the within account as was read by the Clerk in the audience of the meeting & voted in the affirmative

Recorded By Josiah Main Town Clerk

State New Hampshire
The freeholders & inhabitants of the Town of Rochester that are legal voters in Publick Town Meetings - are hereby notified of a Publick Town Meeting to be holden in the meeting house in said Town on Monday the twenty eighth day of this instant March at ten of the clock in the forenoon to act on the following business: First.

To give in your Votes for a President of this State with the qualifications required to serve in said office for one year from the first Wednesday in June next

secondly - To give in your Votes for two suitable persons in this County excoiators of this State to be in said office for one year from the first Wednesday of June next

Thirdly To Choose a Moderator to regulate the meeting on the following business and a Town Clerk for the year ensuing.

Fourthly To give in your votes for a County Treasurer and a Recorder of Deeds for the year ensuing.

Fifthly to choose some suitable person or persons to represent this Town in the General Court for one year from the first Wednesday of June next.

Sixthly To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.

To vote how many days on a single poll shall be raised for repairing the highways this year & what shall be allowed per day. To vote how much money shall be raised for schools this year

To hear the request of sundry petitioners of the inhabitants of this Town on the following requests: First

To see if the Town will vote to run out the fourth division school lot in said Town & appropriate the use of the same for schools. Secondly for exchanging the island road on the easterly side of Ens^d James McDuffe's land for a road on the westerly side of sd McDuffe's land and also

to lay out the Mill privilege that is at the southerly end of said Mr Duffee's land. Thirdly to see if the Town will vote to run out the cross pland road from Mr Samuel Jones to Underborough road and open the same - fourthly to exchange the pland road up by Mr Daniel Page's house for the land where said road now runs. Fifthly to run out and open the pland four rod road from New Durham road to the ten rod road on the lower side of Places lot so called. Sixly to see if the Town will vote to sell the timber that is on the school lots in Town for the use of schools. Seventhly to see if the Town will vote to exchange the ten rod road against part of Col Joshua Wingates land for a road through his said Wingates land and also to open the said road from the Wid^d Mary Davis to a proper width up to the head of the Town as said road is incumbered with fences, bars &c And to take up all said petitions and pass such votes & choose such committees & give them such power as the request of said petitioners do require or the Town may think proper. And as the business of the day is much, attendance at time and place is desired.

Given under our hands at Rochester this tenth day of March Anno Domini 1791.

Jabez Dame
Simon Torr } Selectmen
Edward Collins } Rochester.

State of New Hampshire } At the annual meeting of
Strafford S.S. } the inhabitants of Rochester
according to notification & hold
en in the meeting house on the 28th day
of March A.D. 1791 and being so convened
the following business was transacted viz

The votes given in for a President for the
State of New Hampshire were as follows viz
for his Excellency President Josiah Bartlett 183
for Senator John W Duffee Esq^r 112

Samuel Hale 91
John Waldron Esq^r 30
David Copp Esq^r 27
Joseph Badger Esq^r 12

Capt Thos Shannon Chosen Recorder of Deeds
Thos Footman Chosen County Treasurer.
John Plummer Esq^r Chosen Moderator of the
meeting.

Josiah Main Chosen Town Clerk for the year
ensuing.

Dr^r James Bow Chosen Representative.

Edw Collins Chosen Selectman.

And the meeting adjourned until to-
morrow at ten of the clock in the fore
noon and then to meet at this place
March 29th A.D. according to adjournment

Jabez Dame } Chosen Selectmen.
Wm Palmer }

Richard Dame } Chosen Commissioners
 Simon Torr }
 Aaron Wingate Esq } Assessors.
 Lt Richard Furber }
 Samuel Allen
 Samuel Wingate
 Barnabas Palmer
 Stephen Ham
 Benjamin Heard
 Solomon Drown
 Joseph Wheeler Jr
 Joseph Holmes
 Benjamin Garney
 Joseph Pearl
 Joseph Heard Junr
 Capt Daniel W Duffee
 David Watson
 Jonathan French
 Richard Dame Jr
 Ezekiel Ricker
 Thomas Canney
 Col David Place
 Dea Saml Plummer
 Moses Austin, Wm Wentworth
 James Downs, Stephen Watson
 Daniel Hayes, Lem Richardson
 Benjamin Copp
 Ensign John Burgin
 Saml Twombly Junr
 Joseph Plummer
 Abner Hodgdon

Chosen
 Surveyors of
 Highways

Voted one days work on a single poll & to
 be allowed 3 shillings pr day finding
 themselves materials to work with.

Lt Richard Place } Overseers of the Poor.
 Jacob Hanson }

Lt John Holmes
 David French
 Enoch Burnham
 Richard Walker
 Stephen Jenkins
 Joseph Heard the 3^d
 Caleb Jackson

Tything men

Daniel Hayes
 Jonathan Dame
 Aaron Wingate Esq }

lot layers

Peter Horn
 Capt John Brewster
 John Walker
 Benjamin Heard

Fence Viewers

Samuel Seavey
 Benjamin Heard
 Mordecai Garney
 Edmund Horn
 James Stephens

Chosen Field Drivers

Levi Pickering
 Hatt Knight } Pound Keeper

Joseph Hayes
 John Tebbetts } Hog Reeths
 Lea Pickering

Daniel Wingate Junr
 Dearborn Jewett } Chosen Constables
 Ensign John Burgin

Eno^m John Burgin
 Nathan Vock
 Lt Sam^t Richards
 Anthony Pevey

Surveyors of Boards.

Voted to discount ten dollars to Joseph Thompson Jun^r by the way of taxes.

Voted that the Selectmen send labourers in the upper parts of the Town to assist the repairing the highways.

First It was put to vote to see if the Town shall run out the fourth division school lot in said town and appropriate the same for schools & it was voted in the affirmative.

2 It was put to vote to see if the Town will exchange the pland road on the easterly side of Eno^m James McDuffee's land for a road on the westerly side of said McDuffee's land & it was voted in the affirmative.

3 It was put to vote to see if the Town will lay out the Mill privilege that is at the southerly end of sd McDuffee's land.

& voted in the affirmative.

Voted that the lot layers are authorized & empowered in the behalf of the Town for the above purpose.

4 It was put to Vote to see if the Town will run out the cross pland road from Sam^t Jones to Uderborough & open the same & it was voted in the affirmative.

Voted that the lot layers are appointed in behalf of the Town for the above purpose.

It was put to Vote to see if the Town will exchange the pland road up by Daniel Page's house for the land where said road now runs as far as said Page's land now is & it was voted in the affirmative.

It was put to vote to see if the Town will run out & open the pland four rod road from New Durham road to the ten rod road on the lower side of Place's lot so called & voted in the affirmative.

And voted that the lot layers are appointed for the above purpose.

The article for selling the timber on the school lots was dismissed.

It was put to vote to see if the Town will exchange the ten rod road against part of Col Joshua Wingate's land for a road through his sd Wingate's land and voted in the affirmative.

The other articles not acted on at this time. Voted that this meeting stands adjourned to the 20th day of June and then to meet at this place at 3 of the clock P. M.

June 20th Met according to adjournment. Voted to accept of the returns of the roads which was presented by the lot layers which was read in the meeting.

Voted to sell the fourth division school lot in the best manner for the interest of the Town. And the meeting dissolved.
 Recorded by Josiah Wain Town Clerk

State New Hampshire The freeholders & inhabitants of the Town of Rochester that Strafford & are legal Voters in Publick Town meetings - are hereby notified of a publick Town meeting to be holden in the meeting house in said Rochester on Monday the 20th day of this instant June at one of the clock in the afternoon said day to transact the following business. First To choose a Moderator for said meeting 2^d To hear a petition the request of sundry inhabitants to see if the Town will come into some methods for separating the accounts that particular belongs to the Congregational Society from the other accounts that concerns the Town at large & to choose such persons to transact said parish affairs & pass such votes as shall be necessary for answering the request of sd petition as far as the Town shall think proper. 3^d To hear once more from the upper part of the ten rod road so called and consult and devise on some means that the road may be opened by giving some compensation to those persons that had their land cut by the new road. Laid out by a Committee by giving part of the ten rod road against those lots cut by the new road or some other ways that the subject may have a road & the Town hear no more complaints.

4th To see if the Town will vote to run out & open the pland four rod road from the New Durham road by Amos Places in by the school lot to the ten rod road by Gattle Snake Pond (so called) 5th To hear the request of Howard Henderson for some help from the Town to procure him a road out from his Allard farm to the road running by John Places 6th To hear a petition from a number of inhabitants to see if the Town will pass a vote to purchase three of the Pew privileges in the front Gallery & build a seat there to accommodate the singers.

And all concerned are desired to attend at time and place. Given under our hands at Rochester this tenth day of June A.D. 1791.

Jabez Dame
Edward Collins
William Palmer
Selectmen

At a legal Town meeting holden in Rochester this 20th day of June A.D. 1791 the following business was transacted
1st Voted that John Plummer Esq^r is chosen Moderator of this meeting
2^d It was put to vote to see if the accounts which particularly belong to the Congregational Society should be separated from the other accounts which concerns the Town at large And it was voted in the affirmative

3^d Voted that the Selectmen be appointed for the above purpose in the behalf of the Town for this present year.

4th Voted that the Selectmen be and hereby are empowered by the Town to open the ten rod road as mentioned in the notification and that it be done as soon as may be most convenient for the Town.

5th Voted that the lot layers is appointed to open the four rod road as mentioned in the notification and that they make report of their doings thereof at the adjournment of this meeting.

6th Voted that the Selectmen be a Committee to enquire into the premises relating to Howard Henderson's request and that they make report of their so doing at the adjournment of this meeting.

7th Voted that the article relating to building a seat to accommodate the singers should be postponed.

Voted that this meeting is adjourned to the 8th day of August.

State Use The freeholders & inhabitants of the Town of Rochester that Strafford & are legal voters in Publick Town Meetings - are hereby notified of a Publick Town Meeting to be holden in the meeting house in sd Rochester on Monday the eighth day of August next at one of the clock in the afternoon to

act on the following business - First - To choose a Moderator to govern sd meeting Secondly To choose by Ballot one person (or two) if the Town thinks proper with suitable qualifications to meet at Concord on the first Wednesday of September next for the purpose of revising the Constitution of this State. Thirdly -

To give in votes for a Recorder of Deeds for the County of Strafford in the room of John Smith Jr's Esqr deceased. Fourthly -

To hear a petition on the request of Col David Place concerning some pine timber which he saith was taken for building the meeting house & never paid for. Fifthly To hear a petition the request of a number of petitioners from Lebanon in the County of York praying that a road may be opened from Wakefield road in to Salmon falls river at the outlet of the north east pond where they have built a new bridge over the river. And all concerned are desired to attend at time and place. Given under our hands at Rochester this sixteenth day of July Anno Domini 1791

Jabez Dame

Edward Collins

William Palmer

Selectmen of
Rochester

Recorded by Josiah Main, Town Clerk.

At a legal Town Meeting holden in the Meeting house in Rochester this 8th day of August A.D. 1791. First

John Plummer Esq chosen moderator of said meeting.

2^d It was put to vote to see if the Town will agree to send two members to the Convention to be holden at Concord on the first Wednesday of September next and Voted in the affirmative.

3^d Voted that Mr Barnabas Palmer & Dr^t James Low is chosen members in behalf of the Town to meet at Concord on the first Wednesday of September next for the purpose of revising the Constitution of this State. Voted that Capt Thos Shannon is chosen Recorder of Deeds by the majority of the votes in this Town.

4th It was put to vote to see if the Town will grant Col David Placé's request relating the timber mentioned in the notification and voted in the affirmative.

5th Voted that Lt Richard Furber Lt Edward Collins and Aaron Wingate Esq is chosen a committee to go and view the situation of the land where the road is requested by the petitioners and that they lay out a road if they think it best for the interest of the Town & make return of their so doing as soon as may be done.

6th Voted that Robert Maccrelises rate

should be discounted in Lt Richard Placé's rate list. And the meeting dissolved Recorded by Josiah Hain Town Clerk.

Pursuant to a vote of the Town passed at our last annual Town meeting we have run out a pland road beginning at the road leading to New Durham between the second division lot No 48 and 73 at a stake stuck in the ground by the side of the New Durham road near Samuel Jones new dwelling house & from said stake we run south 47 degrees west till we came to the corner bound of the lot number 33 then run south 46 degrees west till we came to a Beech stump being the corner bound of the lot number 38 by the south west side of the Uderborough road so called leaving said road on the north west side of said line and spotted trees.

Run out this 9th day of June Anno Domini 1791.

Jonathan Daine
Aaron Wingate } lot layers
Daniel Hayes

Recorded by Josiah Hain, Town Clerk. Pursuant to a vote passed at our annual Town meeting holden in the meeting house in Rochester by adjournment on Tuesday the 29th day of March last. We have run out a pland road between the second division lot No 42 and 43

beginning at a Hemlock tree which is spotted and stands near the road leading to New Durham and from said tree we run south about $4\frac{1}{2}$ degrees west till we came to the ten rod road that runs north west through the second division lots in Rochester leaving the road on the south east side of said line. Run out the 10th day of June Anno Domini 1791.

Jonathan Dame

Aaron Wingate

Daniel Hayes

lot layers

Rochester July 11, 1791.

In pursuance of said Towns vote we proceeded to run out a part of a pland road running south west and north easterly through the Town Beginning at the New Durham road between the second division lot numbered 104 and 76 and from said road run south $4\frac{1}{2}$ degrees west till we came to a small Heath on the south corner of the lot 109 then turned and run westerly round said heath and kept on that course on the side of the second division of the school lot till we came to about one third part of the length of said school lot then turned and run southerly to the pland road then run on the pland road south $4\frac{1}{2}$ west till we came to about two thirds the length of the lot number 72 & 108 to a steep hill

which was thought impassable for a road therefore turned & run in a sort of a half moon round the west side of said hill being by our judgment about 15 rods wide in the widest place from the pland road then run in the pland road south $4\frac{1}{2}$ west till we came into the road now improved running westerly on the side of Rattle Snake Pond so called leaving the road on the north west side of the line and spotted trees.

Run out the day and year abovesaid by -

Jonathan Dame

Aaron Wingate

Daniel Hayes

lot layers

Recorded Or Josiah Main Town Clerk
Pursuant to a vote of the Town we have preambulated or new run part of one of the pland roads running south westerly and north easterly in said Town of Rochester Beginning at some Asp trees on the north west side of the second division lot drawn to the right of Clement Huges by the New Durham road and from said trees run south $4\frac{1}{2}$ degrees west till we came to the Rattle Snake Pond (so called) leaving the road on the north west side of the line and spotted trees. Run out this 11th day of July 1791.

Jonathan Dame

Aaron Wingate

Daniel Hayes

lot layers

Recorded pr Josiah Main Town Clerk.
 Pursuant to a vote of the Town the
 Selectmen have heard the cause and
 viewed the premises and examined the
 Records of the Town relative to the re-
 quest of Mr Howard Henderson for a road
 out from his Allard farm to the road
 running by Mr John Place's we find a
 reserve of a road through twenty acres
 of the land sold by John Knight Esq to
 En^r James McDuffee which is twenty four
 rods across through which we have run
 out the road. We have proceeded also
 and run out a road through ten acres
 of land that said McDuffee purchased of
 the Widow Knight late wife of the said
 John Knight Esq deceased through which we
 could find no reserve for a road for which
 we have estimated the damage for said
 Henderson to pay said McDuffee five pounds
 which road is run and returned as follows
 Beginning by the road that leads to Dover
 by Mr John Place's land at the south west
 end of a stone wall and running south
 51 degrees east through said John Place's
 land to a Walnut tree by said McDuffee's
 fence which said Henderson satisfies said
 Place for then across said McDuffee's land
 the same point as before to said Henderson's
 land which is 38 rods. Said road is laid
 out two rods wide on the south west

side of said line by the Selectmen
 this 27th day of July 1791.

Jabez Dame Selectmen
 Edward Collins

Recorded pr Josiah Main Town Clerk
 By the request of Joseph Bickford and others
 we have run out the ten rod road between
 St Samuel Downing & said Bickford Begin-
 ning at a Pine stump which evidence
 appeared & declared to be the bounds of
 the south east corner of said Downings
 lot whereon he now lives then running
 north east by said Downings land and
 others out to the range road leading
 by Esq Plummers leaving said ten rod
 road on the south easterly side of said
 line. Run out this 27th day of July 1791.

Jabez Dame Selectmen
 Edward Collins

Recorded pr Josiah Main Town Clerk.
 In consequence of a petition from a
 number of the inhabitants of Rochester
 & Dover by virtue of a vote of the said
 Town of Rochester agreeable to a law of the
 State of New Hampshire directing Selectmen
 to lay out Publick roads on such petitions
 we have run out a road from the Will
 Privledge near the Squamagonnick
 Bridge so called, to lead to that part of
 Rochester called Uderborough. Beginning
 at Reuben Heard's Jun^r bars south 20 degrees

east thirteen rods from the North east corner of said Herd's now dwelling house and runs north 20 degrees east from said bars to the North east corner of said house 13 rods then from said house north 40 degrees West thirteen & a half rods to a stake then run South 55 degrees West thirty rods to a stake three rods easterly from the fence between said Reuben & Herd's & Ephraim Ham then turns & runs west 4 degrees south to said fence then on the same course to a parcel of Birch bushes on said Ephraim Ham's land 52 rods then North 62 degrees West 76 rods into the pland road between said Ham's land & the parsonage lot 2^d division then runs 72 degrees West 20 rods then run in said pland road 44 rods then turned & run West about 10 degrees south across said parsonage lot till it comes into the pland road near where Hugh Tucker now lives leaving the road across said parsonage lot near where the path is now trod being three rods wide & through said Herd's and Ham's land the road is three rods wide & on the north & westerly side of said lines. Run & laid out this 29 day of August 1791.

Jabez Dame

Edward Rollins

William Palmer

Selectmen

Recorded for Josiah Main, Town Clerk

be the Subscribers being appointed a Committee to lay out a Road from the bridge at the north of the North east bond to Wakefield road pursuant to our appointments we have laid out said road as follows. Beginning at small Red Oak about a rod above said bridge then running North 15 degrees east 3 rods through Downings lands then running North 87 degrees West 110 rods through said Downings land then running the same point through Samuel Palmer's land 23 rods then running the same point through Beard Plummer's land 15 rods then running North 41 degrees West through said Plummer's land 34 rods then running North 22 degrees West through Elijah Horn's land 43 rods then running North - 22 West on the line between Richard Perkins land & said Horn's land out to Wakefield road 75 rods the said Palmer and Plummer is willing to give the land for said road through their land. We estimated the damage of the road going through said Horn's land to be 4 $\frac{2}{10}$ - 5; the road to be 3 rods wide on the lower side of said line. Dated at Rochester the 7th day of September, 1791.

Aaron Wingate

Edward Rollins

Richard Furber Junr

Committee

Recorded for Josiah Main Town Clerk

The Towns Accounts as returned by the Selectmen March 26 1792. In Constables & Collectors & Selectmens hands on Settlement

In Collector Paul Harford's hands for 1781, 25-10-7
 In Collector Moses Roberts hands for 1782, 41-17-9
 In Collector Barnabas Palmers hands for 1783, 13-3-9
 In Collector Richard Place's hands for 1784, 5-2-6
 In Constable John Nutes hands for 1784, 61-12-6
 In Collector Thos Roberts hands for 1785, 22-19-2
 In Constable John Nutes hands for 1785, 83-19-3
 In Collector Thos Roberts hands for 1786, 28-14-5
 In Constable John Nutes hands for 1786, 239-11-1
 In Constable Benjamin Davis hands for 1787, 319-13-11
 In Collector Thos Roberts hands for 1787, 383-8-0
 In Collector James How's hands for 1788, 516-19-8
 In Collector Howard Henderson's hands for 1788, 516-15-1
 In Collector Thos Roberts hands for 1789, 416-10-4
 In Collector Elijah Garney's hands for 1789, 330-0-0
 In Collector Peter Cushings hands for 1790, 213-9-5
 In Collector Daniel Wingates hands for 1790, 167-7-1
 In Selectmen's hands in Notes and

Certificates

104-14-2

Reverd nine pound in part of Garlin's Execution

9--

3600-8-8

The Towns Debt or way said money is laid out and what remains.

Paid the State Treasurer a Balance in full for 1784

178-1-11

Paid the State Treasurer by Benj^a

in part of the tax for the year 1787 59-15-7

Paid the State Treasurer by Elijah Garney in part for 1789 210-15-
 Paid an Extent in full for the County Taxes for 1783 & 1784 39-13-0

Paid the County Treasurer in part by Dr^r (ow) for the tax of 1788 4-15-7

Paid the County Treasurer in part by Elijah Garney for 1789 17-15-7

Paid Mr Atkinson the fine for complaint for not having a pound 1-15-4

Paid Col Rawson for services on Harford & Minors cases 4-10-

Paid the Clerk of the Court a note given by the former Selectmen 1-5-

Paid the judgment recovered against the Town by Jon^a Downing 18-2-5

Paid the Selectmen for time & expense at sd Court settling 1-9-

Paid in part the cause recovered by Samuel Demeritt 4-10-

The Selectmen's time & expenses at Durham Court on said case 1-4-

Paid Mr Ephraim Ham a compensation for a road through his land 24-12-

The Selectmen's time & expense laying out the road at Ham's & Harb's 1-16-

Paid Richard Dam for examining & casting Capt Roberts list for 1782 -6-

Paid Richard Dam for running a road at the long marsh & a return -7-6

Paid sd Dam for a journey to Exeter

on Towns business - 6-
 Paid Ichabod Hayes a Note he holds
 against the Town 4-11-1
 Paid Ichabod Hayes in part of the
 Balance returned due to the
 Selectmen on the accounts of 1788 3-13-1
 Paid Dr James Row for a journey to
 Exeter & Portsmouth to carry the ac-
 counts of soldiers to the Commissioners 8-18-
 Paid a Committee for running out a
 road from Wakefield road by Elijah
 Horn's to Salmon falls river 8-18-
 Paid to Richard Furber as an assessor
 for the year 1791 - 6-
 Paid Aaron Wingate Esq as an assessor
 for the year 1791 - 6-
 Paid a Note signed by Mr Haven & others
 for John Wentworth imprisonment by
 a vote of the Town 3-10-
 Paid Miss Hannah Main in part of a
 Note she had against the Town 1-9-
 Paid Peter Horns account for nails
 for Parsonage House 6-7
 Paid Jos Thompson Jr in part of ten
 dollars voted him 1-12-4
 Allowed Joseph Page for being over
 rated in 1787 8-7-4
 Paid Paul Place for taking Jane Peveys
 bastard child which was turned on
 the Town for support 6-
 Overseers of the Poor bill in

putting out bindings said child - 1-
 in part of the School District where
 Anthony Pevey lives - 1-1-
 Paid Tristram Heard for building
 the Pound in part 4-1-10
 Paid John Hammet in part of his
 bill for keeping Nick after his death 5-3-0
 in burying of him
 Paid Daniel Wingate in part for keep-
 ing the School District for Dr Row 3-2-2
 Capt Wm McDuffee in the year 1791
 Paid Reuben Heard Junr in part for a
 road through his land 1-1-3
 Paid for leather for shoes for the Widow
 Weymouth - 7-
 Paid Aaron Wingate Esq in part of his
 account as a lot layer for the year 1791 1-8-9
 Paid Daniel Hayes his account as a lot
 layer for the year 1791 1-8-
 Paid Collector R Place for a copy of the non-
 resident list at Exeter - 5-
 Allowed the Widow Mary Kimball's rates
 in Collector Places list for 1787 1-12-
 Paid the Constable for carrying Wm
 Ripley to Dover by a Warrant 11-0
 Paid two orders given by the former
 selectmen for keeping Nick Hammet in part 7-10-0
 Paid Ephraim Kimball as a Commis-
 sioner for 1786 1-12-
 Paid Capt Samuel Nute as a Committee
 man in the cause with Samuel Palmer 2-5-5

Paid Joseph Bickford by an order
 from Col Dams services 1-4-
 Paid Maj Solomon Perkins the ex-
 pence letting out the Pound -9-
 Paid Relatiah Cartland as a Commis-
 sioner for 1787 -12-
 Paid John Dams the school money
 in Esq Knowles district for 1790 4-4-4¹/₂
 Allowed an abatement Reuben
 Heard's rates in 1787 -5-
 Paid Town Clerk for his services for
 the year 1790 3- -
 Paid Jacob Hanson as a Commission-
 er for the year 1790 -12-
 Paid the expense at Cushing's letting
 out Nick Hammett -6-
 Paid the expense at Maj Perkins's letting
 out Town Charges by the former Select
 men & Esq Wingate on H. Inno's cause 18-11
 The Selectmen's time & expense run-
 ning the road by Downings & Bick-
 fords & Henderson's two days -18-
 The Selectmen's expense & time settling
 Constable Nute's Extent, taking a deed
 his land & two days -7-6
 The Selectmen's time & expense getting
 the accounts of individuals & soldiers
 for the Commissioners at Exeter 1-16-
 The Selectmen's time & expense in
 procuring the money &
 letting the Extent served on them

by the County Treasurer 1-4-
 The Mortgage on Constable Nute's
 land in specie is 100- -
 And in Certificates and Indents 73-12-
 Allowed Constable John Nute the
 drawbacks in his list for 1782 8-2-10
 Allowed Nute's abatements in his
 list for 1784 8-17-6
 Allowed said Nute his abatements
 in his list for 1785 10-7-3
 Allowed said Nute his abatements
 in his list for 1786 6-12-6
 Paid Lt Wm Palmer in part School
 district where he lives for 1790 2- -1¹/₂
 Paid Lt Gawlin & Lt Palmer taking an
 Inventory for 1791 2-8
 For casting the rateable estates & ma-
 king Counterpinks &c 1791 2-8
 For making Surveyors list & districting
 Surveyors &c 1791 1-10-
 For making School lists & districting
 schools &c 1791 1-16-
 For writing paper for the Town's use
 through the year -6-
 The Selectmen's services through the
 year settling with Collectors 3-12-
 To sixty three pounds & eleven shillings
 & nine pence in certificates which were
 sold twenty shillings for twelve which
 makes a difference of twenty five pound
 eight shillings 25-8-

Paid for four Warrants to warn poor
persons out of Town -6-

Paid D. Darn for keeping school in
Abner Hodgdon's district 3-1-9½

Paid & took up a Note at Footman's give
en for Capt Adams board while in
prison Col Tolson's Execution 1-13-4

Robert McBrilises rate taken off by
way of the Town in Place's list for 1784 1-1-2

To the difference of discounting three
pounds seventeen shillings & six pence
in Certificates into Specie at twenty
shillings for seven agreeable to the or-
der of Court 2-9-0

Remains outstanding in Constables
& Selectmen's hands -

In Collector Paul Harford's hands for
the year 1781 25-10-7

In Collector Moses Roberts hands for 1782 38-17-9

In Collector Thos Roberts hands for 1783 22-19-2

In Collector Thos Roberts hands for 1784 28-14-5

In Collector Thos Roberts hands for 1785 359-11-4

In Collector James How's hands for 1786 499-15-7

In Constable Benjamin Davis hands for 1787 220-8-11

In Collector Howard Henderson's hands for 1788 516-15-1

In Collector Thos Roberts hands for 1789 397-0-8

In Collector Peter Cushing's hands for 1790 213-9-5

In Collector Elijah Garney's hands for 1789 70-15-11

In Constable Daniel Wingates hands for 1790 137-7-1

In Selectmen's hands in Notes, Indents

orders March 1792 89-5-3

3512-13-1½

3500-8-8

Balance due to the Selectmen £12-4-6

The true state of the Town's accounts
both Debits & Credits through the year as
kept by the Selectmen & exhibited to the
commissioners this 23^d day of March A.D. 1792

Jabez Dame
Edward Collins } Selectmen
William Palmer }

We have examined the foregoing accounts
as exhibited to us by the Selectmen which
appears to be well adjusted.
March 23rd A.D. 1792

Simon Torr } Auditors
Richard Darn }

Recorded per Josiah Main Town Clerk.
State of New Hampshire } The freeholders & inhabitants
of the Town of Rochester that
Strafford & I are legal voters in Publick
Town Meetings are hereby notified of a
publick town meeting to be holden in
the meeting house in said Town on
Monday the 26th day of March current
at ten of the clock in the forenoon to act
on the following business - First
To give in your Votes for a president for
the State of New Hampshire for one year
from the first Wednesday of June next
2^d To give in your Votes for two senators
for the County of Strafford to be in office
one year from the first Wednesday in

June next.

- 3 To choose a Moderator to regulate said meeting for the following business.
- 4 To give in your votes for a County Treasurer & Recorder of Deeds for the year ensuing
- 5 To choose two suitable persons to represent said Town in the General Court for one year from the first Wednesday of June next
- 6 To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.
- 7 To vote what sums shall be raised for the repair of highways this year.
- 8 To see if the Town will come into some method so that the Meeting may be kept at the meeting house the whole of the year and the upper part of the Town be made satisfied by raising a sum of money exclusive of Mr Havens salary as the Town may think proper to be by the upper part of the Town appropriated for hiring preaching at such time and place as they shall think proper.
- 9 To hear the request of John Nute & a number of petitioners in his behalf to see if the Town will consider him in his time and expense while imprisoned by an extent from the Treasurer of this State & also another request to see what the Town will do with the receipt that said Nute holds signed by the Selectmen 1782 which amounts to upwards of sixty

pounds which Nute saith he hath never been allowed for which paragraphs are set forth in said petition also to hear two other petitions for opening & running highways (which is) the ten rod road from Blackwater road by Lt Samuel Downings to Blind Will's Neck is called & also to open the road between Dover & Rochester from Shubal Barney's to Isaac Swombly's & also to run out & open the pland road from New Durham road by Daniel Haynes to Walsfield road as set forth in sd petition And also to do any other business which the Town when convened may think proper. Given under our hands at Rochester this ninth day of March A.D. 1792.

Jabez Dame

Edward Collins

William Palmer

Selectmen

State New

Hampshire

Strafford ss

At the annual meeting of

the inhabitants of Rochester

according to notification and

holden in the meeting house on the 20

day of March Anno Domini 1792 - the

following business was transacted (viz)

His Excellency Josiah Bartlett chosen presi-

dent by the number of 177 votes

For Senators Doct James Bay 110 votes

Samuel Hale Esq 77 John Waldron Esq 71

David Copp Esq 24 John McDuffee Esq 17

Col Hays 2

John Plummer Esq. Moderator

Josiah Main Town Clerk

For a Recorder of Deeds

John P. Gilman John Plummer Junr

Capt Thos Shannon Jacob Dame Esq.

For a County Treasurer

Thos Footman 107 votes

Doc^r James How 47

Representatives

Doc^r James How Aaron Wingate Esq.

Simon Torr

Lieut Edward Collins } Chosen Selectmen.

Lieut Wm Palmer }

& the meeting was adjourned until to-morrow March 27th Met according to adjournment and the following business was transacted (viz).

Richard Dame } Commissioners

Jacob Hanson }

Richard Furber } Assessors.

Paul Libbey }

The following named persons were chosen

Surveyors of Highways

Benjamin Hanson

Abner Hodgdon

Nathaniel Hayes

Richard Dame Junr

Jonathan Dame

Benjamin Chesley

Ens Moses Hayes

Eben^r Torr Junr

Richard Furber

Joseph Jones

James Place

Jonathan French

Stephen Drown

Ichabod Pearl

David Place

Anthony Pevey

Simon Torr

Stephen Watson

Moses Austin

Samuel S. Wentworth

Samuel Nute

Stephen - am

Stephen Meserve

Barnabas Palmer

Ebene^r Jones

Capt Daniel McDuffee

Joseph Plummer

Joseph Drown

Voted that the Selectmen shall make the Surveyors lists according to the last year's Inventory

Voted that Job Clements kold tax should be discounted in the former Collectors lists as remains yet unpaid.

Joseph Heard Junr

James Coleman

Benjamin Hoyt

Nathaniel Hayes

Stephen Jenkins

Joshua Holmes

Benjamin Reynolds

Richard Walker

Richard Furber

Richard Dame

Daniel Hayes

Moses Austin

Ephraim Perkins

Enoch Cushman

Moses Jenness

Moses Torr

Elihu Wentworth

Samuel Sevey

Moses Hammett

Chosen Tying men

Chosen hot layers

Chosen Field Drivers

Dearborn Jewett } Pound Keeper
 Dearborn Jewett } Constables
 Joatham Nute }
 Ensign John Burgin }
 Lieut Samuel Richards } Surveyors of Boards.
 David French }

Joseph Joles
 John Tabbetts Salmon Falls } High Reeths
 Timothy Stephens }

Voted that Jaber Dame Esq^r is to take an Inventory of the Polls & Rateable Estates for the present year.

Voted that a tax of one day & an half in labour be laid on a single poll for repairing the roads & bridges through the Town & also that another tax of one half days work be laid on a single poll for the purpose of making the roads more passable in the winter season if need require.

Voted that a single poll shall be allowed three shillings pr day finding themselves materials to work with.

It was put to vote to see if those people that who live above the supposed line of the first Parish should pay any Ministerial Tax in the supposed lower Parish & it was voted in the Negative.

& voted that said vote be reconsidered & that the method of paying a Ministerial Tax be paid the same in proportion as it was the last year.

John Nute's request for a consideration while imprisoned was voted in the negative. It was put to vote to see if the Town will allow said Nute's receipts as mentioned in the notification & it was voted in the negative.

Voted that Messrs Col David Place, Lieut Richard Place, Peter Horn & E Wingate is chosen Fence Viewers.

Voted that Lt Richard Place & Jacob Hanson is chosen Overseers of the Poor.

And the meeting adjourned to the first Monday in May which will be the 1st day of said month & then to meet at the meeting house.

May 1st 7th met according to adjournment & the following business was transacted viz. J^r Holmes chosen a Surveyor of the Highways. The ten rod road from Black Water to Blind Will's Neck and the road between Dover and Rochester from Shubal Varnes to Isaac Twombles as is mentioned in the notification was dismissed.

It was put to vote to see if the Town will run out & open the pland road from New Durham by Daniel Hayes to Wakefield road as it was set forth in a petition and it was voted in the affirmative.

Voted that Messrs Lieut Richard Furber, Richard Dame & Aaron Wingate Esq is.

chosen to run out & open sd road according to the request & that they make a return of their so doing to the Town at their next Town meeting & the meeting dissolved.

Recorded pr Josiah Main, Town Clerk
State of New Hampshire
To the freeholders & inhabitants of the Town of Rochester
Strafford & ss such as are legal Voters in
Town meetings. You are hereby notified
of a Public Town meeting to be holden
in the meeting house on Monday the 7th
day of May next at ten of the clock in
the forenoon to act on the following articles
First To choose a Moderator to regulate sd meeting
Secondly To see if the Town will except of the
Constitution or otherwise the amendments
as they now stand from the last Convention
3^d To see if the Town will hear the request
of a number of petitioners of said Town to
see if the Town will choose committee to
examine the Collectors lists & consolidate
the Certificates outstanding into their
proper value as the General Court has past
an act that there shall be received seven
shillings in silver in lieu of one pound
in Certificates

4th To see if the Town will hear the request of a number of Petitioners from Wakefield & Middleton to see if the Town will lay out the road from Moses Cham-

berlins to the upper end of the Town
by Haines Mill so called & to act on any
other business that the Town shall
proper when convened
Rochester April 21, 1792

Simon Torr
Edward Rollins } Selectmen
William Palmer }

In addition to the above notification
by the request of a number of inhabitants
of Rochester in regard of petitions. - First.
To see if the Town will hear the request
of a number of petitioners of said Town
requesting said Town to empower the Selectmen to make sail of the remainder part of the fourth division lot of land that was taken from Collector Paul Harford & also to settle the road that runs by Col John Goodwins.

Also another petition to see if the Town will lay out the four rod road from the ten rod road across the Town so far as Mederborough road so called & open the same.

Simon Torr
Edward Rollins } Selectmen
William Palmer }

At a legal town meeting holden in the meeting house in Rochester this 7th day of May 1792 Voted that Jn^r Plummer Esq^r is chosen Moderator of said meeting.

The amendments of the Constitution were taken under consideration and the votes taken in favour of it & those against it were transmitted to the Convention.

3^d Voted that Richard Dame & Jacob Hanson are chosen to assist with the Selectmen to examine the Collectors lists and consolidate the Certificates as is mentioned in the notification.

Voted to new run the road from Moses Chamberlins Haineses Mills and that the lot layers are appointed to lay out said road & to make a return of their so doing to the Town when they have done sd work.

The fourth division lot of land which was taken from Paul Harford as is mentioned in the notification and the road that runs by Col John Goodwins was dismissed.

Voted that the Selectmen are appointed to lay out the four rod road last mentioned in the notification & to make return of their doings thereof to the Town as soon as may be convenient & the meeting dissolved. Pr Josiah Main Town Clerk.

State of New Hampshire
The freeholders & inhabitants of the Town of Rochester such as are legal voters in Town meetings You are hereby notified of a Publick Town Meeting to be holden in the meeting house in said Town on Monday

the 27th day of August current at 2 o'clock P.M. to act on the following business.

1st To choose a Moderator to govern said meeting.

2^d To give in your votes for & suitable persons that are inhabitants of this State who shall not be Senators nor Representatives in Congress or persons holding office of profit or trust under the United States to be electors of President & Vice President of the United States as the Constitution directs.

3^d To give in your votes for four suitable persons to represent this State in Congress of the United States agreeable to an Act of this State past June 21st 1792.

4th To see what the Town will act respecting the doings of Convention on the amendments of the Constitution at their last Session.

5th To hear & act on a Petition from Paul Harford respecting the 4th division lot of land which was taken from him for taxes by the Town.

6th To see what the Town will do respecting a trespass which appears to us to be lately done on the school lot as there has Timber been cut.

7th To see if the Town will vote that the Selectmen exchange all or part of the ten rod road against the lot for the

land where the road now goes through
and to act on any other business the
Town shall think proper.

Given under our hands at Rochester
this 11th day of August A.D. 1792

Simon Torr

Edward Rollins

William Palmer

At a legal Town meeting holden in the
Meeting house in Rochester the 27th day
of August 1792 the following business was
transacted (viz) First

John Plummer Esq. chosen Moderator of sd
meeting.

2^d It was put to vote to see if the Town
will except of the Constitution as it now
stands & 14 voted in favour of it & none
appeared against it.

The article referred to in the above notifi-
cation as touching Paul Harford's request
was dismissed

3^d Voted that the lot layers are appointed
in behalf of Town to run out the School
lot in the third division and that they
have full power to settle with such per-
sons as have committed any trespass there-
on or other. to prosecute to final judg-
ment & execution if the case shall require

4th Voted that the Selectmen have discre-
tionary power to exchange so much of
ten rod road against the lots for

the land where the road now runs
Voted that the Selectmen have full
power in behalf of the Town to open the
ten rod road to a proper distance as they
shall think most proper.

The number of Votes given in for Electors
were as follows: (viz)

Judge Thompson	52	Representatives for Congress	
John McDuffee	53	John S. Sherburne	63
President Bartlett	53	James Shea	38
Gen ^l Bellows	52	Pain Wingate	32
John T. Gilman	45	Nic ^h Gilman	28
Col J Badger	28	Nath ^l Peabody	7
Gen ^l Cille	23	Joshua Rutherton	3

Voted that Esriel Hayes is chosen Surveyor
of Highway

Voted that Moses Hayes is chosen a Surveyor
of the Highway.

& the meeting dissolved.

By Josiah Main Town Clerk

State New Hampshire } The freeholders - inhabitants
of the Town of Rochester such
Stratford S.S. as are legal Voters in Town
meetings are hereby notified of a Publick
Town meeting to be holden in the meet-
ing house on Monday the 12th day of
November next at 2 o'clock in the
afternoon on sd day then & there to act
on the following Particulars: First
To choose a Moderator to regulate sd meeting
2^d To give in their votes for Representatives

whose names may be returned to be voted for to represent this State in Congress qualified as the law requires.

3rd To see if the Town will hear & grant the request of a number of petitioners - inhabitants of this Town and Wakefield praying that a road may be laid out and opened from the North easterly part of this Town to Shapleigh road.

Given under our hands at Rochester this 27th day of October, 1792

Simon Torr }
William Palmer } Selectmen

At a legal Town meeting holden in the meeting house in this 12 day of November 1792 - First Voted that Lieut Richard Furber is chosen Moderator of said meeting.

The votes given in for Representatives for this State were as follows (viz)

For Paine Wingate 20 votes - For Abel Foster 2

Votes given in for Electors were

President Bartlett 22 For Ben^y Bellows 22

For John Taylor Gilman 22 For John Pickering 22

For Jon^s Freeman 22 For Ben^y Thompson 22

The petition respecting the road being laid out & opened as is mentioned in the notification was dismissed & the meeting dissolved. Recorded Pr Josiah Main Town Clerk.

Pursuant to a vote of the Town of Rochester empowering us for that purpose we run out the cross road from the

Dock so called near Anthony Pears beginning at the line run by the lot layers last year between the second division lots Number 7 & and 104 and run from said line the same point (viz) North forty six degrees east between the second division lots towards Wakefield road till we came to the range road between the second & first division near Sam^l Wentworth's and spotted and mark the same leaving the road on the West side of said line which line we run the 9th & 10th days of July one Thousand Seven hundred & ninety two

Caron Wingate

Richard Dame

Richard Furber Jun^r

} Committee

Pursuant to a vote of the Town of Rochester we have laid out a road from Rochester head line below & since Mill to Wakefield road as follows - Beginning at said head line where the path is now occupied leading from said & since Mills & run South 5 degrees east 8 rods then South 33 degrees East 16 rods then South 9 degrees East 20 rods then South 44 degrees East 71 rods then South 62 degrees East 79 rods then South 11 degrees West 16 rods over the bridge then South 12 degrees East 6 rods then leaving said path we run about South 34 degrees East 30 rods then nearly

South 55 east 32 rods then South 59 East
 15 rods then South 60 degrees East 12 rods
 then South 69 east 32 rods then South
 72 degrees East 24 rods then South 83 de-
 grees East 15 rods then South 24 degrees
 East 24 rods then South 58 degrees East
 28 rods in or near an old path then
 about South 53 degrees East 52 rods to
 Wakefield road. Said described line to be
 the middle of the road which we allow
 to be 3 rods wide and to run said point
 or as nearly as the best land for a road
 will allow from the bridge above mention-
 ed to Wakefield road also we allowed James
 Hayes eight dollars as a compensation for
 the road running through his land
 Run out this twenty first day of August
 Anno Domini 1792

Pr Richard Dame } lot layers
 Richard Furber }

Pr Josiah Main Town Clerk

The Town's Account as returned by the
 Selectmen March 22-1793.

In Constables & Collectors & Selectmens
 hands on settlement

In Collector Paul Harford's hands for 1781, 25-10-1

In Collector Moses Roberts hands for 1782, 38-17-9

In Collector Thos Roberts hands for 1785

£22-19-2 Which consolidated makes in
 Specie

8--8½

In Collector Thos Roberts hands for 1786

£28-14-5^s which when consolidated
 makes in Specie 10-1-½

In Collector Thos Roberts hands for 1787

£359-11-4 which when consolidated
 makes in Specie 301-16-2

In Constable Benjamin Davis hands
 for 1787 220-8-11

In Collector James How's hands for 1788,
 £499-15-7 499-15-7

In Collector Howard Henderson's hands
 for 1788 516-15-1

In Collector Thos Roberts hands for 1789
 £397-0-8 which when consol-
 idated makes in Specie 277-10-5

In Collector Elijah Barney's hands for 1789, 70-15-11

In Peter Cushing's hands for 1790 213-9-5

In Collector Daniel Wingate's hands for 1790, 137-7-1

Raised in Collector Hateril Knights
 list for 1792 State 139-3-6

Raised in sd Knights Town list for 1792 67-3-7½

Raised in sd Knights non resident
 list for 1792 8-4-5½

Raised in Collector Elijah Barney's list
 for 1792 State 128-3-10

Raised in sd Barney's Town list for 1792, 53-18-6

Received in part of Garlin's & Tebbetts
 Execution 5-8-

Received by the hands of Esq. Wingate
 an order on the Treasurer of the State
 for Bounties given by the Town to soldiers 15-1-1
 Received of the Selectmen for 1791 in

Notes, Indents & Orders 89-5-3
 Received of Jabez Dame Esq^r for
 fines exacted of sundry persons 13-3
 £2826-9-7

The way said money is paid & now remains
 Paid the State Treasurer in part
 of the tax for 1787 189-14-

Paid the County Treasurer in full
 for the tax for 1788 17- - 1/2

Paid the County Treasurer in full
 for the tax for 1789 17-16-

Paid Daniel Hibby for services on
 Demeritts execution and the
 remaining parts of sd execution &
 the Capeas on y^e town 2- -

Paid Capt J Adams a Note against
 the Town on Interest 3-5-1

Paid the Town Clerk for his services
 for 1791 3-8-

Paid the Selectmen for time & ex-
 pence on account of the Capeas & set-
 tling Demeritts Execution -9-

Paid the Selectmen for time &
 expense running out the ten rod
 road & settling with people concerned
 & paying the Surveyor 2-8-

Paid the Selectmen for writing &
 exchanging q^d deeds 1--

Paid the Selectmen for laying out
 & making return of the 4 rod road across
 from the ten rod road by Daniel Pagers

Jun^r to Mederborough 1-4-
 Paid for keeping Nick Hammet a
 Town Charge 2-5-6

Paid Patience Hanson to redeem
 her bed sold for taxes 1-5-

Paid Constable Dearborn Jewett for
 warning out Town Charges in the
 year 1791 -10-

Paid Daniel Rogers for serving as
 an assessor -1790 -9-

Paid Aaron Wingate Esq^r for services
 as a lot layer 1791 19-3

Paid Jon^r Davis account as committee
 man & a lot layer for the year 1791 2-8-

Paid Elisabeth Horn in part for a
 road through his land to the bridge 3-5-6

Paid Jacob Hanson as an Overseer of
 the Poor in 1791 -6-

Paid Tobias Twombly Jun^r for keeping
 school in the district where Capt J
 Adams lives in 1790 2-11-6

Paid Aaron Wingate Esq^r for paying
 towards his District School in the
 year 1790 0-5-8

Paid Peter Horn for paying towards
 his District School 1790 1-19-4

Paid Nathaniel Heard for keeping Col
 Goodwin's School in 1790 2-9-0

Paid Jabez Dame Esq^r for taking the
 Inventory in 1792 2-6-

Paid the Balance due to the Selectmen

for 1791 in full 12-4-6
 Paid Simon Torr for the hook and
 Hinges for the Town Chest 5-6
 Paid Lt Edward Collins for keeping
 Ripley a Town charge 1790 -6-
 Paid Reuben Heard Jun in full for
 the road through his land 3-8-9
 Paid John Nute abatement on his
 list of Clearer Ran's tax 2-15-9
 Paid John Choutman in full for a
 road through his land allowed by the
 Committee 3- -
 Paid Simon Torr a Note he held
 against the Town for money 7-9-5
 Paid the Selectmen for making rate
 lists & Counterpins 1-10-
 Paid for making lists & counterpins
 for the school & districting them 1-16-
 For making Surveyor's list & district-
 ing the Surveyors 1-10-
 For writing paper through the year
 for the Town's use - 8-
 Paid Lt Edward Collins for a journey
 to Durham to get Nute's deed recorded
 & paid for recording -6-
 Paid Josiah Main in part for keeping
 Col Roberts District School 1-1-11
 Paid Benjamin Hoit in part towards
 building the Pound -19-6
 Paid Schabod Hayes part of the Bal-
 ance due to the Selectmen for the year 1-7-7

Paid Richard Walker in part of
 his District School in 1790 19-1
 Paid Richard Dame in part for
 keeping school in Esq Plummers
 District for 1790 1-1-2
 Paid Simon Torr for serving as an
 Auditor in 1791 -12-
 Paid sd Torr for a journey to Exeter
 to pay the Treasurer - 9-
 Paid Stephen Jenkins for making
 the Town's chest -11-
 Paid Daniel Hayes as a lot layer
 in 1790 and 1791 -18-
 Paid Dea Sam^r Plummer for his
 paying towards his district school 1790 -13-10
 Paid the Selectmen for making non-
 resident lists & Counterpins 1-14-0
 Paid Lt Wm Palmer his part for the
 roads going through the Garney
 lot as allowed by the Committee 1-9-10
 Allowed the abatement in Collector
 Thos Roberts list 1785 8-8-0
 Allowed the abatement in said
 Roberts list for 1786 12-1-4
 Paid Richard Dame in full for
 serving as an Auditor for 1791 -12-
 Paid Rev Jos^r Haven's salary into March
 25th 1791 55-15-5
 Paid said Haven towards his salary
 for 1792 45- -
 Paid Aaron Wingate Esq^r for paying

towards his District School for 1790 - 5-8
 Paid Miss Hannah Main in part of
 a Note she holds against the Town 1-16-
 Paid the expense to Mr Cushing's &
 time letting out the lists - 9-
 Selectmen's services settling with Col-
 lectors & arranging the Town's acts
 through the year 5--

434-12-6

What remains in Constables Collect-
 ors and Selectmen's hands
 In Collector Paul Harford's hands
 for the year 1791 25-10-7
 In Collector Moses Roberts hands
 for the year 1782 25-13-9
 In Collector Thos Roberts hands
 for 1787 in Specie 89-7-8½
 In Collector Benjamin Davis hands
 for the year 1787 165-12-8
 In Collector James How's hands for 1788, 499-15-7
 In Collector Howard Henderson's hands
 for 1788 490-4-7
 In Collector Thos Roberts hands
 for 1789 in Specie 259-14-5
 In Collector Elijah Varney's hands for 1789 44-18-
 In Collector Peter Cushing's hands for
 1790 in Specie 189-8-2
 In Collector Daniel Wingate's for
 1790 in Specie 137-7-1
 In Collector Hat Knight's list 1792
 State list in Specie 139-3-6

In Collector Knight's Town list
 for 1792 in Specie 65-2-3½
 In sd Knight's non-resident list
 for 1792 in Specie 8-4-5½
 In Collector Elijah Varney's State
 list for 1792 in Specie 128-3-18
 In said Varney's Town list for
 1792 in Specie 53-18-6
 In Selectmen's hands in Notes
 Indents & Orders 57-9-6
 In Cash on hand 12-2-8½
 2826-9-7

True statement of the Town's Account
 for the year 1792 as kept by the Selectmen
 Simon Torr
 Edward Collins } Selectmen
 William Palmer }

Having cast the Counterpins and careful-
 ly examined the foregoing account they
 appear to be well adjusted as exhibited
 to us by the Selectmen this 25th day of
 March 1793.

Jacob Hanson } Auditor
 Recorded Or Josiah Main, Town Clerk.
 Agreeable to a vote of the Town of Roches-
 ter past at the annual meeting for the
 present year we have laid or run out
 the road from Capt Moses Roberts to
 Mederborough road as follows Beginning
 at the bounds in a small Beech stand-
 ing at the south east corner of Place's

lot and run South forty six deg. west
the length of said Roberts said lot. leav-
ing the road to the South east of said
line then between Daniel Page Jr & Da-
vid Jenness as the path is now trod to
the West of Pages Grist Mill Pond then
nearly South fifty one degrees West where
the path was cut out & trod to Mederbor-
ough road aforesaid and have spotted
and marked the same and have allow-
ed said path as formerly cut out from
Pages Mill pond to Mederborough road
to be the middle of the road. By us
laid out this 28 day of May 1792 By us

Simon Ford

Edward Rollins } Selectmen
William Palmer }

Richard Dame, Surveyor.

Recorded By Josiah Main, Town Clerk.
State of New Hampshire } To the inhabitants of the
Town of Rochester such as
Strafford & are legal Voters in Town
meetings - You are hereby notified
that the Annual meeting will be hold-
en in the Meeting house on Monday
the 20th day of this instant March at
ten of the clock in the forenoon to trans-
act the following business. First -
To choose a Moderator to regulate said
meeting.

2^d To choose a Town Clerk for the ensuing

3^d To give in your votes for a Governor
of this State with qualifications required
to hold said office one year from the
first Wednesday of June next.

4th To give in your votes for a Councillor
a resident of this County qualified as
the law directs hold said office one year
from the first Wednesday of June next.

5th To give in your votes for a Senator a
resident of this District with the quali-
fications required by law to hold sd of-
fice one year from the first Wednesday
of June next.

6th To give in your votes for a County Treas-
urer & also a Recorder of Deeds.

7th To choose one or two suitable persons
as the Town shall think best to repre-
sent this Town in General Court the
ensuing year.

8th To choose all necessary Town officers
for the ensuing year.

9th To vote how many days work shall be
raised on the single poll for repairing
the highways this present year and how
much shall be allowed pr day.

10th To hear the petition of Thos Cloutman
& others praying that a road may be laid
out and opened from Shapley upper
Will to Wakefield line and pass such
votes thereon as the Town shall think
best.

11 To hear the petition of Mr Ephraim Ham praying that the Town would give him that part of the four rod road that lays useless between his lands & Compiender's land as a compensation for the road through his land & vote thereon as the Town shall see cause.

12 To hear the request of Col David Place praying that the Town will allow him a reasonable compensation for some timber which he furnisht for the Meeting house and some labour done on the Meeting house that has not been allowed by the committee in full and vote thereon as the Town shall see cause.

13th To hear the petition of Peter Horn & others praying that the Town will lay out & open the four rod road by Thos Varney's house leading up by the Place lot and so on by the Parker lot or else exchange said road with Jacob Clerk and vote thereon as the Town may think most proper.

14th To hear the petition of Alexander Hodgdon and others praying that the Town will lay out & open a road from the southeasterly corner of Middleton to the range road at the southeasterly end of Ned Varney's land and then out to the New Durham road and vote thereon as the Town may think best.

15 To hear the petition of a number of

inhabitants of this Town to see if the Town will exchange the ten rod road from Elijah Tebbetts to Salmon Falls river.

16th To hear a petition of a number of the inhabitants of Middleton to see if the Town will lay out a road from the south west corner of Middleton to the road by Ned Varney's.

17 To hear the request of a number of inhabitants of Rochester to see if the Town will exchange some part of the Town lot by the Pound or the whole with Joseph Kewitt for some of his land adjoining the Meeting house lot.

18th To see what the Town will do in regard of the matter respecting of John Henry Minor & Ann Horn.

19th Another request from Paul Hartford requesting the Town to give up the land they took from him by his paying the Town in full compensation that it was taken for & paying what he owes the Town besides or quit him from the sum he owes the Town on the Town's Account.

20 To hear a request of sundry of inhabitants to see what the Town will do in regard of a vote they past to give Ichabod Corson Jun^r the road betwixt Joseph Heard's land & Francis Wentworth's.
Given under our hands this ninth day of March Anno Domini, 1793.

Simon Torr
Edward Rollins } Selectmen
William Palmer }

At the annual meeting of the inhabitants of Rochester, according to notification & holden in the Meeting house on the twenty fifth day of March 1793 the following business was transacted (viz)
John Plummer Esq. Chosen Moderator of sd meeting.

Josiah Main Chosen Town Clerk.

The votes given in for Governor were 261
For J. Bartlett Esq. Votes for John Langton were --- 1

The votes given in for a Councillor were 257 for Eben^r Smith Esq.

Votes for Senators - Doc^t James How 139

Samu^l Hale 39 John Waldron 14

Votes for a County Treasurer, Thos Footman 172 Thos Shannon 4.

Votes for a Recorder of Deeds Thos Shannon 229 John G. Gilman 157

Representatives, Aaron Wingate Doc^t James How

Lt William Palmer
Lt Richard Furber } Chosen Selectmen
Simon Torr }

Jabez Dame Esq. } Commissioners
Jacob Hanson }

Lieut Edward Rollins } Assessors
Paul Libbey }

Lieut Richard Place } Overseers of the Poor
Moses Horn Jun^r }

Those persons which were chosen Surveyors of the Highway were as follows viz

Lieut Timothy Corson Stephen Ham

Lehabod Corson Jun^r Col David Place

Joseph Knight James Place

Jonathan Dam Lt Richard Furber

Moses Varney Joseph & James

Richard Dam Jun^r Paul Demeritt

Eben^r Horn Jun^r William Anderson

Robert Knight Jonathan French

Samuel Richardson Moses & Ayers Jun^r

Timothy Heard Samuel Nute

John Varney Richard Walker

Jonathan Pinckham Stephen Watson

Joseph Plummer John Wentworth

James Chesley Wm Wentworth

Lt Richard Place } Tithing Men
Paul Libbey }

Ephraim Perkins Jun^r

Joshua Kain

Daniel Hayes

En^d Lehabod Corson

Peter Horn

Lt Richard Place

Benjamin Copp

En^d Lehabod Corson

Stephen Ham

Col David Place

Daniel Pevey

Joseph Roberts

Lot layers.

Chosen Fence Viewers

Dearborn Jewett, Pound Keeper.

Dearborn Jewett

Benjamin Palmer } Chosen Constables.

Anthony Pevey

Names of persons Chosen Hog Reeths

David Twombly Doc James How

Joseph Clerk Esq Jno Plummer Junr

Israel Ham Richard Furber

Col David Place Lt Wm Palmer

Anthony Pevey Joseph Jones

Surveyors of Lumber

Lt Saml Richards Enr Jno Burgin

Anthony Pevey Dan Call

Levy Jones Ichabod Corson.

Hogreeths

David Twombly Doc James How

Joseph Clark John Plummer Junr

Israel Ham Lt Richard Furber

Col David Place Lt Wm Palmer

Aaron Wingate Esq Anthony Pevey

Joseph Jones.

Voted that a tax of one days work and an half be raised on a single poll and the estates equivalent for to repair the highways and bridges the present year & that they be allowed three shillings pr day finding themselves materials to work with.

It was put to vote to see if the Town will accept of the petition of Thos Cloutman & others for a road to be laid out &

opened from Shapley upper Mill to Wakefield line and it was voted in the affirmative.

And voted that the hog layers have discretionary power to lay out said road if they shall think it best for the interest of the Town and make a return of their doings to the Town as soon as may be done.

Ephraim Ham's request mentioned in the notification was dismissed. Voted that Col David Places petition is dismissed.

It was put to vote to see if the Town will lay out & open the four rod road by Thos Varney's house leading up by the Place lot and so on by the Packer lot so called & it was voted in the affirmative. And voted that the hog layers be a committee to accomplish the same.

It was put to vote to see if the Town will lay out and open a road from the south easterly corner of Middleton to the range road at the south easterly end of Edward Varney's land and then out to the New Durham road & it was voted in the affirmative.

And voted that the hog layers are appointed to lay out sd road & make return of their doings to the Town as soon as may be most convenient.

It was put to vote to see if the Town will exchange the ten rod road from Elijah Tebbets to Salmon Falls river and voted in the affirmative

And voted that Jaber Dame Esq. David Wingate & Richard Dame is chosen a committee for the above purpose.

The request for exchanging some part of the Town's lot by the Pound with Mr Joseph Leavett was dismissed.

It was put to vote to see if the Town will choose a committee to examine into the cause between John H. Heiner & Ann Horn and voted in the affirmative.

Voted that Doc James How John Plummer Esq. Col David Olcott Jaber Dame, Jerry Folsom, Joseph Clark John Brewster, is chosen a committee for the above purpose.

Voted that Paul Hartford be discharged from the sum of money that he owes the Town on his giving an acquittance to all claims in the town lot.

The meeting adjourned to the first Monday in June & then to meet at this place.

June 3rd met according to adjournment & the following business was transacted viz

The request last mentioned in the notification as touching the road by Ichabod Crown Jun^r was dismissed.

Benjamin Heard was chosen Surveyor of the Highways And the meeting adjourned

three weeks from this day.

State New Hampshire The inhabitants of Rochester Strafford & Ss are hereby notified of a Publick Town Meeting to be holden in the meeting house on Monday the 3rd day of June next at one of the clock in the afternoon on sd day to act on the following business (viz)

1st To choose a Moderator to govern ed meeting.

2nd To see if it be the minds of the Town that at the business which particularly belongs to the Congregational Society shall be kept separate from the Town's at large for the future & if voted in the affirmative to vote when the separation & accounts shall bear date and what day the Parish Annual meeting shall be called by the Parish Wardens for the future.

To choose a Parish Clerk and all Parish Officers for the present year.

To hear the petition of Col Thos Roberts praying that the Town will allow him a compensation for the damage the cross road which was laid out ten rod wide from the old meeting house to Salmon Falls road doth to him or return him his land again.

To hear the request of Mr James Horn &

Dover praying that the Town will allow him a reasonable compensation for the damage the cross road from Daniel Pags to Mederborough road that was laid out by your committee doth to him.

To hear the request of Mr Elijah Horn praying that the Town will allow him a further compensation for the damage the road from Wakefield road to the new bridge at the outlet of the north east Pond as called doth to him.

To hear the request of Maj Richard Furber requesting that a former vote at the last annual meeting respecting in exchange of a square of land by the meeting house may be called up and reconsidered and acted upon anew.

To hear the petition of Jeremiah Folsom and others to see if the Town will run out the 4 rod road from Demerritts corner to Aaron Down's land.

Rochester May 14th 1793.

William Palmer

Rich^d Furber

Simon Torr

} Selectmen

At a legal Town meeting holden in the meeting house in Rochester on Monday the 3^d day of June 1793. First

Voted that John Plummer Esq is chosen Moderator of sd meeting

2^d It was put to vote to see if the Town will ... Parish wardens to keep the business which particularly belongs to the Congregational Society separate from the Town's at large and it was Voted in the affirmative.

Voted that Daniel Hayes Jun^r, Ephraim Kimball, Paul Libbey is chosen Parish Wardens and that they are to call parish meetings annually & voted that the said meetings be called on the last Thursdays in March for the future.

Voted that John Plummer Jun^r is chosen Parish Clerk for the present year.

Voted that Col Thos Roberts request be dismissed.

Voted that James Horn's request be dismissed.

Voted that Elijah Horn's request be dismissed.

Voted that Maj^r Richard Furber's request be dismissed.

Voted that Jeremiah Folsom's request be dismissed & the meeting dissolved.

Recorded by Josiah Main, Town Clerk.

749 August Isaac Lebbys mark of creatures with a top cut of the near ear and a half take off of the upper side of the off ear.

749 August James Rogers Jun^r mark of creatures with a top cut off the off ear and a swallow's tale in the near ear.

March 24 1777 Rev Joseph Haven's mark of creatures is a slit in the uppermost side of the right ear & a half penny on each side of the slit.

March 1757 Jon^a Youngs mark of cattle entered a top cut in the right ear and a slit in the same.

March 1760 John Herds mark of cattle is a top cut in the left and a slit on the right ear.

Richard Dammis mark of creatures is a top cut off the right & a hole through the left ears.

Know all men that I John Knight of Newington Esq^r made a purchase of Henry Allard of Rochester twenty acres of land in sd Rochester for which y^e said Henry gave a Warrantee Deed for said land but was neglected in said deed by agreement (Viz^t) a road of two

Pole wide and twenty four Pole long to come into the road that the Town bought of John Place. The above I acknowledge to be the just and true.

Pr me John Knight

Dated Newington 7th Feby 1770

Witness

Thomas Hatch

Rich^d Downing

Rec^d 16th July 1770 Pr Jon^a Dam Town Clerk.

March 1775 James Dearing's mark of cattle is a top cut off from the right ear and a half penny in the under side of the left ear.

George Place's mark of cattle is a top cut of the off ear. December 12, 1770.

March 1777 Lemuel Bickford's mark of cattle is a top cut in y^e left ear and a notch on the under side of y^e same.

Q^d Avery Hall's artificial mark of his creatures is a slit in y^e end of the right ear.

March 1772 Benjamin Forre's artificial mark of his creatures is a slit in the right ear and a top cut off from y^e left

June 1777 Richard Nutter's artificial mark of creatures is a top cut in each year.

Children's ages recorded 1756

Solomon Perkins Children

Ebenezer Perkins Born July y^e 3^o 1740

Anne Perkins was born July y^e 12th 1743

Solomon Perkins was born May y^e 11th 1745

Nathaniel Perkins was born June y^e 27th 1753.

John Herd's Children's ages Recorded Mch 27, 1760

Hannah Herd Born y^e 15th of May 1739

Benjamin Herd Born y^e 22nd day of October 1741

Reuben Herd Born y^e 5th day of April 1744

John Herd Born y^e 15th day of July 1747

Tristram Herd Born y^e 10th day of November 1749

Paul Herd was born y^e 9th day of November 1751

Jane Herd was born y^e 6th of November 1753

Abigail & Jane, twins, born y^e 1st of December 1756

Phoebe Herd the youngest born May y^e 10th 1760

1765 Benjamin Hayes Children's ages Recorded Mch 15

Benjamin Hayes Born 29th day of December 1726

Abigail Hayes was born y^e 21st day of April 1728

Elizabeth Hayes was born y^e 13th day of October 1740

Hannah Hayes was born y^e 3rd day of March 1743

Benjamin Hayes Jun^r his children

George Snell Hayes was born y^e 23rd day of Nov 1760

Peter Horn his children's age recorded.

Daniel Wentworth Horn was born y^e day of March 1761

Moses Horn was born the 11th day of August 1762

Elijah Horn was born May the 4th day, 1764

Rebecca Horn was born April the 3rd 1764

Edmund Horn was born the 24th day of May 1769

Jacob Horn was born the 22nd of May 1771

Rachel Horn born September y^e 26, 1773

Abra Horn born the 8 day of May 1775

Richard Horn born March 17 1777.

Josiah Main's Children's age Recorded March y^e 4th 1773.

Amos Main born March the seventh 1770

~~Jacob Main was born January the 5th 1772.~~
Josiah Main born May 3rd 1777

William Main born August 23, 1779

John Main born March 8, 1782.

The age of Betty Knight's children.

Deborah Rollings was born Janu^{ry} 31, 1752

Leah Rollings was born September y^e 9th 1754

Edward Rollings was born Nov^{er} 16, 1756

Joshua Knight was born June y^e 27th 1760

Susannah Knight was born May 27th 1762

Hatevil Knight was born June y^e 12, 1765

Edmund Tebbetts Children's age recorded

Israh Tebbetts was born May y^e 24th 1772.

Joshua Knight Children's age recorded

Robert Knight was born August the 1st 1765

Edward Knight was born Jan^{uary} 24th 1768

Stephen Wentworth born April 7, 1743
 Stephen Wentworth's wife and children's
 age recorded.

Mary Wentworth born October 16th 1743
 Anne Wentworth born July 26th 1762
 Dudley Wentworth born March 1st 1764
 Stephen Wentworth born April 8th 1766
 Mary Wentworth born August 31st 1771.
 Sarah Wentworth born June 24, 1773.

Sarah Rollings died Feb 26th 1789.
 Had been maintained just three
 months at the Towns expense. Died at
 the house of Josiah Main

The age of Rev Joseph Haven's Children.
 Nathaniel Fisher Haven born Feb 20th 1777.
 Joseph Haven born Nov^r 18th 1778.
 John Haven born Sept^r 15th 1780.
 Mary Haven born July 17th 1783.

The age of Barnabas Palmer's children
 Mary Palmer born June 2, 1748
 Margaret Palmer born August 29, 1749.
 Jonathan Palmer born July 12, 1751.
 Samuel Palmer born October 18, 1755.
 William Palmer born October 19, 1757.
 Elizabeth Palmer born December 28, 1759.
 Barnabas Palmer born December 29, 1761.
 Died March 3, 1762.
 John Palmer born Jan^y 6 1763

Barnabas Palmer born Feb^y 18 - 1765
 Benjamin Palmer born August 5, 1766
 Joseph Palmer born Jan^y 16, 1769
 Mercy Palmer born August 20, 1770
 Died December 28.
 Dudley Palmer born April 14, 1775.

Stratford L. I. Be it remembered that on
 the 27th day of December 1786, Lemuel Rich-
 ford of Rochester was married to Susan-
 nah Coffin of Dover by Joshua Wingate
 Jus Peace for sd County.

Martha Wiggin born September 28 day, 1769.

Eno^m Moses Hayes Artificial mark of crea-
 tures is a slit in the right ear and
 another slit in the upper part of the
 same. Recorded March 1776.

Mussey Gould artificial mark of creatures
 is a swallow tail cut in the right ear.
 Recorded March 19, 1776.

The age of Eno^m Moses Hayes's children
 recorded.

Sarah Hayes born January the 20th day 1750
 Anna Hayes born December the 19th 1753.
 Peter Hayes born February the 24th 1755
 Enoch Hayes born August the 27th 1757
 Abigail Hayes born February the 9th 1768

Moses Hayes was born August the 10th 1763
 Joshua Hayes was born December 9th 1765
 Jacob Hayes was born May 28th 1769
 Hannah Hayes born August 9th 1771.
 Mary Hayes born May the 13th 1774
 Recorded March 1776, Josiah Main T. Clerk.

Samuel Nute Family's age recorded.
 Samuel Nute Born August 18th 1749 Old Style
 Sarah Miller Born 13th day of June 1754
 Mary Nute Born 23rd day of June 1779
 Achiah Nute Born 29th day of May 1781
 Isaac Miller Nute Born 23rd day of April 1784
 John Nute Born November 26, 1787
 Betsey Nute Born October 2nd 1789.

Peggy Gardin Born 15th day of September 1760

William Palmer's Childrens age recorded.
 Elizabeth Palmer Born September 28 1784
 Daniel Palmer Born July 8th 1786
 Nancy Palmer Born March the 9th 1788
 Susanna Palmer Born May 20th 1792
 Dodarah Palmer Born January 29, 1794
 William Palmer Born July 17, 1796.

Turner Whitehouse Childrens age recorded
 Anthony Whitehouse born September 17, 1765
 Nathaniel Whitehouse born October 5, 1767
 Benjamin Whitehouse born Feby 1, 1769
 Stephen Whitehouse born Feby - 5, 1771

Alexander Whitehouse Born June 4, 1773
 Israel Whitehouse Born October 17th 1774
 Enoch Whitehouse Born Janu^{ry} 1st 1777
 Hanson Whitehouse Born May 19, 1779
 Jeremiah Whitehouse Born July 26, 1781
 Jacob Whitehouse born April 19, 1786
 Recorded April 1788, Josiah Main, Town Clerk.

James How Born March 23rd 1755 Married
 Lucy Fisher Born June 7th 1764 Sept 7th 1784.

Dr. James How's Childrens age Recorded
 Lucy How Born Sept. 7th 1785
 James How Born May 11th 1787
 George How Born October 2nd 1788
 Hall Jackson How born Feb^{ry} 11th 1791
 Calvin White^{ing} How born July 13th 1796
 Fisher How born September 3rd 1798

Anthony Whitehouse Wife & Children. age
 recorded
 Elizabeth Whitehouse born Novem^{ber} 19, 1760
 Polly Whitehouse born February 21, 1796

Notice is hereby given that there is at
 the house of me the subscriber a stray
 heifer supposing to be coming in two
 years old a dark brown colour. Said
 heifer has been at my house about a
 month. November 8th 1791.
 Solomon Drown.

A record of the age of Richard Danner's Children.

Hannah born	13 th	2 ^m	Call ^d Feb'y	1782
Moses	11 th	5 ^m	- May	1784
Jonathan	20 th	1 ^m	- April	1788
Mercy	30 th	4 ^m	- April	1788
Anna	13 th	12 ^m	- Dec ^r	1790
Rhoda	18 th	7 ^m	- July	1793
John Read	14	6 ^m	- June	1795
Caroline	19	7 ^m	- July	1797
Theophilus	12	4 ^m	- April	1800

The Ages of the Children of Ichabod Hayes.

Betsy Hayes born	Oct ^r 24 th	1771
Margaret Hayes born	March 27 th	1773
Ichabod Hayes	March 8 th	1775
Daniel Hayes	Decem 20	1776
Herskiah Hayes	September 1 th	1779
Jamson Hayes	Nov ^r 17 th	1780
Hannah Hayes	November 17 th	1783
Ezekiel Hayes	April 4 th	1786
Polly Hayes	August 22 ^d	1787

Rochester September 15, 1792

We the Subscribers, Selectmen of Rochester do approve of and license Little & Lann's retailing of spirituous liquors and in such quantities as the law directs

Simon Torr } Selectmen
Edward Collins }

Rochester September 15, 1792
We the Subscribers Selectmen of the Town of Rochester do approve of and license Barker and Ginge retailing in said Town such spirituous liquors as the law directs.

Simon Torr
Edward Collins

We the Subscribers do approbate Col John Goodwin to continue keeping a publick Tavern in the Town of Rochester agreeable to law.

Simon Torr } Selectmen
Edward Collins }

Rochester, September 15, 1792

This may certify that Maj Solomon Perkins of Rochester hath kept a Tavern in said Town & hath the approbation of the Selectmen to renew his Tavern.

Simon Torr } Selectmen
Edward Collins }

We the Subscribers, Selectmen of the Town of Rochester do approbate Tobias Twombly Jun^r as a suitable person to retail spirituous liquors at his house in said Town of Rochester in manner & form as the law in that Case made and provided doth direct

Rochester September 15, 1792.

Simon Torr, William Calmer, Selectmen.

We the Subscribers Selectmen of the Town of Rochester do approve of & license Haven & Gladdell's retailing in said Town such spirituous liquors & in such quantities as the Law directs.

Simon Torr } Selectmen for
Edward Rollins } Rochester

To the Town Clerk of Rochester.

Sir this may certify that Mr Joseph Hanson of Rochester hath the approbation of the Selectmen to retail spirituous liquors in sd Town by such quantities as the Law directs & that he may be entered on the Town Record for the same.

Rochester September 15th 1792

Simon Torr } Selectmen
Edward Rollins }

To the Town Clerk of Rochester - Sir this may certify that Mr Elijah Varney hath kept a Tavern in sd Rochester and that he hath the approbation of the Selectmen to renew his Tavern and desire that he may be put on the Town Records for the same.

Rochester September 15th 1792

Simon Torr } Selectmen
Edward Rollings }
Wm Palmer }

Rochester September 15th 1792 - To the Town Clerk of Rochester - Sir this may certify that Mr David Twombly hath the approbation of the Selectmen to keep a Tavern in sd Town and desire he may be entered in the Town Record for the same.

Simon Torr }
Edward Rollings } Selectmen
Wm Palmer }

We the Subscribers Selectmen of Rochester do approve of and license Mr Joshua Hartford retailing & spirituous liquors and in such quantities as the Law of this State directs.

Rochester September 15th 1792

Simon Torr } Selectmen
Edward Rollings }

To the Town Clerk of Rochester. Sir this may certify that Mr Joseph Sherburne of Rochester hath the approbation of the Selectmen to retail spirituous liquors in sd Town of Rochester by such quantities as the Law directs and desire that he may be entered on the Town Record for the same.

Simon Torr } Selectmen
Edward Rollings }
Rochester September 15th 1792

To the Town Clerk of Rochester. Sir this may certify that Mr Paul Jewitt of said Town hath the approbation of the Selectmen to keep an open tavern in sd Town and desires that he may be entered on the Town Records for the same.

Simon Torr } Selectmen
Edward Rollins }

By virtue of a law of the State of New Hampshire enabling Selectmen to license Taverners and Retailers Mr Daniel Hayes is appointed of and permitted to keep a publick Tavern at his dwelling house in Rochester under such rules and regulations as the law directs. Given under our hands at Rochester this 22^d day of October 1792

Simon Torr } Selectmen
Wm Palmer }

By virtue of a law of the State of New Hampshire enabling Selectmen to license Taverners and Retailers Mr Stephen Watson is appointed of and permitted to keep a Tavern and likewise to Retail spirituous liquors at his dwelling house in Rochester under such rules and regulations as the law directs. Given under our hands at Rochester this 3^d day of October Anno Domini 1792

Simon Torr } Selectmen
Wm Palmer }

This may certify that Capt Daniel Hayes is approved & permitted to keep a publick Tavern at his dwelling house in Rochester under such rules and regulations as the law directs. April 22, 1794

Simon Torr } Selectmen
William Palmer }

This may certify that March & Lakeman hath license from the Selectmen to retail spirituous liquors in Rochester as the law directs. November 20th 1792

Simon Torr } Selectmen
Edward Rollins }

This may certify that John Roberts of Rochester hath liberty from the Selectmen to keep a Tavern in said Town as the law directs. Rochester November 17, 1792.

Simon Torr } Selectmen
Edward Rollins }

Rochester Jan^y 21, 1793

This may certify that Joseph Holmes of Rochester hath license of the Selectmen to keep a publick house in said Rochester & desires that he may be entered on the Town Book for the same

Simon Torr } Selectmen
Edward Rollins }
Wm Palmer }

This may certify that John Cloutman
has the approbation of the Selectmen to
keep a publick Tavern at his dwelling
house in Rochester in such manner &
form as the law directs.

Rochester March 26th 1793.

Simon Torr } Selectmen
William Palmer }

We the Subscribers Selectmen of Rochester
do approve of by these presents and license
Fish & Wood to retail spirituous liquors
in this Town under such rules & regula-
tions as the law directs.

Wm Palmer

Richard Furber } Selectmen

Simon Torr

Rochester May 23^d 1793.

This may certify that Anthony Pevey
has the approbation of the Selectmen to
keep a publick tavern at his dwelling
house in Rochester in such manner
and form as the law directs.

Simon Torr

Edward Collins } Selectmen

Rochester January 19th 1793.

This may certify that Benjamin Palmer
has the approbation of the Selectmen
to keep a publick Tavern at his dwelling

house in Rochester in such manner
& form as the law directs.

Simon Torr

Wm Palmer

} Selectmen

Rochester Jan 17th 1793.

Rochester June 13, 1793.

We the Subscribers Selectmen of the
Town of Rochester do approve of and by
these presents license Nathaniel Hayes
to be a Retailer in said Town of such
spirituous liquors and in such quanti-
ties as the law directs.

Simon Torr

William Palmer

Rich^d Furber

} Selectmen

Rochester March 25th 1794.

This may certify that Maj^r Solomon
Perkins hath the approbation of the Select-
men to keep a publick Tavern at his new
dwelling house in Rochester under such
rules as the law directs.

William Palmer

Rich^d Furber

Simon Torr

} Selectmen

We the subscribers do approve of & license
David Twombly to keep a publick Tavern
in Rochester under such rules & regula-
tions as the law directs.

Rochester March 1, 1794

William Palmer }
Richard Furber } Selectmen
Simon Torr }

This may certify that Haturil Knight hath the approbation of the Selectmen to keep a Publick Tavern & to retail Spirituous liquors at his now dwelling house in Rochester as the law directs.

Rochester Feb^y 24, 1794

William Palmer }
Richard Furber } Selectmen

This may certify that Elijah Varney hath the approbation of the Selectmen to keep a publick Tavern at his now dwelling house in Rochester under such rules as the law directs.

William Palmer }
Richard Furber } Selectmen

This may certify that Dudley Burnham has the approbation of the Selectmen to keep a publick Tavern at his now dwelling house in Rochester under such rules as the law directs.

Rochester March 26, 1794

Wm Palmer }
Simon Torr } Selectmen

This may certify that Benjamin Palmer has the approbation of the Selectmen to keep a Publick Tavern in sd Town under such rules as the law directs.

Wm Palmer }
Simon Torr } Selectmen

Rochester March 26, 1794

This may certify that John Ringe has the approbation of the Selectmen to retail spirituous liquors at Norway Plain in Rochester under such rules as the law directs.

William Palmer }
Simon Torr } Selectmen
Rich^d Furber }

Rochester the 8th day of April 1794

This may certify that Joseph Sherburne as the approbation of the Selectmen to retail spirituous liquors at his store at Norway Plain in Rochester under such rules as the law directs.

William Palmer }
Simon Torr } Selectmen

Rochester 12 day of May 1794

This may certify that Benjamin Evans has the approbation of the Selectmen to retail "spiritual" liquors at his store in Rochester at Squamaneagonnick un-

der such rules as the law directs.

Simon Torr } Selectmen
Richard Furber }

September 23^d 1794

This may certify that we the Selectmen of Rochester do approve of & by these presents license Mr Paul Jewett to keep a Tavern at his now dwelling house under such rules & regulations as the law directs.

William Palmer } Selectmen
Simon Torr }

Rochester September 12, 1794.

We the Selectmen of Rochester do approve of & by these presents recommend Maj^r Silvanus Pratt as a suitable person to retail spirituous liquors at his store at Norway Plain in Rochester and wish that he may be licensed agreeable to law

William Palmer } Selectmen
Rich^d Furber }
Simon Torr }

November 24, 1794.

This may certify that Hateril Knight has the approbation of the Selectmen to retail spirituous liquors at Rochester under such rules and regulations as the law directs.

Will^m Palmer } Selectmen
Simon Torr }

Rochester Jan. 27, 1795

This may certify that Joshua Lane has the approbation of the Selectmen to retail spirituous liquors of all kinds at his store in Rochester under such rules and regulations as the law directs.

Simon Torr } Selectmen
Richard Furber }

December 29, 1784.

This may certify that Capt Samuel Storrs has the approbation of the Selectmen to retail spirituous liquors at his store at Norway Plain in Rochester under such rules & regulations as the law directs.

Rochester September 16, 1794.

Simon Torr } Selectmen
Wm Palmer }

This may certify that Jonas C. Marsh has the approbation of the Selectmen to retail spirituous liquors at his store in Rochester under such rules & regulations as the law directs.

September 16, 1794

Simon Torr } Selectmen
Wm Palmer }

This may certify that Joseph Hanson has the approbation of the Selectmen to retail spirituous liquors at his store in Rochester under such rules & regulations

as the law directs

Richard Furber
Simon Torr

Selectmen

September 23, 1794.

This may certify that John Ringe has the approbation of the Selectmen to retail spirituous liquors at his store in Rochester under such rules and regulations as the law directs.

Simon Torr

William Palmer

Selectmen

September 26, 1794.

This may certify that Zebulon Gilman has the approbation of the Selectmen to keep a publick Tavern at his dwelling house in Rochester under such rules and regulations as the law directs.

Wm Palmer

Richard Furber

Selectmen

March 2, 1795

This may certify that Haturil Knight has the approbation to keep a Publick Tavern at his dwelling house in Rochester under such rules & regulations as the law directs.

Wm Palmer

Richard Furber

Simon Torr

Selectmen.

This may certify that Elijah Varney has the approbation of the Selectmen to keep a publick Tavern at his dwelling house in Rochester under such rules and regulations as the law directs

William Palmer

Rich^d Furber

Simon Torr

Selectmen

March 17, 1795.

Artificial marks of beasts entered 1737.

Amos Main's artificial mark of his creturs which is a half penny cut out of y^e under side of y^e left ear & a half penny cut out of y^e upper side of y^e right ears his mark for mill logs & timber thus M.
1737 John Rickford's mark for his creturs a swallow's tail in y^e left ear & a slit in right ear & half penny in y^e under side of y^e right ear.

1737 Ebenezer Brewster's mark of beasts a half penny cut out of y^e under side of each ear.

^{Nov 9} 1737 Sam^l Merry's mark of beasts a half penny cut out of y^e under side of y^e left ear & a slit across y^e under side of y^e right ear.

Recorded Or Josiah Main Town Clerk

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June 10. John Layton's mark of his creatures
a swallow tail cut out of y^e near ear
& a half penny in y^e upper side of y^e ear.
June 10 Israel Bussell's mark of his creatures
a hole cut through y^e ear & a half penny
in y^e upper side of y^e same.

June 10 John Jenness mark of his creatures
a top cut in y^e near ear.

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June 15 Joseph Richardson's mark of his
creatures a top cut in y^e near ear & a
swallow's tail in y^e of y^e ear.
By Jno Bickford Town Clerk.

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August 28 John Hametfu mark of his cre-
tures a top cut both ears and a slit in
both ears and a half penny in y^e un-
der side of y^e right ears.

The mark of James Hook cattle is the
top cut of the right ear and a slit in
the left ear.

Sam^r Twombly's mark of creatures
October 1st A half penny cut out of the
1748 under side of the right ear and
top cut of the left ear.

The following entries were made on
the first and last pages of the old book.

The Rev^d Mr Hill's salary of fifty pounds
sterling amounts in Spanish Mill dollars
at 4-5th pr dollar as his Majesty receives
them amounts to £1333-7-8 old tenor
after the rate of six pounds pr dollar
as they in our currency and the dol-
lars at four shillings and eight pence
pr dollar as his Majesty pays out £1293
16-8 old tenor which amounts to 222
dollars and one shilling sterling.

Rochester Town Book of Records bought
Anno Domini One thousand seven
hundred and thirty seven.
Rochester May y^e 1st One thousand seven
hundred and fifty six
Jonathan Dam, Town Clerk.

Rochester June y^e 30th 1759 we had a severe
hard frost which killed most of the
pumpkins vines and beans, squashes
and cucumbers and cut the tops of the
corn off through most of the Town.

Rochester April the 5th 1760 Mr Amos
Main died of a consumption at his
house in sd Rochester.

March 4th 1776. Departed this life Miss Elizabeth Main consort of the Rev^d Amos Main

The Rev^d Mr Samuel Hill was installed to the pastoral office in the Town of Rochester on the 1st day of Novem^r 1760. Mr Samuel Hill died of a dropsical disorder on the 19th day of April 1764 at the Ministerial house at Rochester.

Mr Avery Hall was Ordained to the Pastoral Office in Rochester on the 15th day of October 1766.

On Monday 15th January 1770 and the day before was as great a flood of rain as has been known in the age of a man which swelled the fresh rivers so as to sweep away most of the bridges over them hereabouts and in this Town in particular and many mills were carried away or much damaged.

Mr Avery Hall dismissed from his Pastoral Office in Rochester on the --- day of April 1775.

This may "sartify" all persons to whom it may concern that Mr James Berry of Rochester doth constantly attend the

"Baptist Society" with us at Wakefield and pay to the support of preacher at the same. Given under our hands at Wakefield the six day of November 1797

Jacob Wigger

Thos Choutman

James Hutching

} Assessors for
Baptist Society.

7-10-8
0-10-0

This certifies that Mr Nathaniel Gilman of Rochester and Miss Betsey Gilman of Newmarket were joined in wedlock by me

Samuel Shepard, Pastor of a church in Brentwood.

November 26, 1801.

Jonathan Jenness mark of sheep slit in the left ear and half take out of the right ear.

The following is the Proprietors Record with the exception of the Charter and the names of the Proprietors which are given on the first pages of this book.

The following Associates are not recorded on the Town Record.

Associates admitted Gov Shute for a home lot & five hund^d acres 103

L ^t Gov Wentworth	Ditto	103
Sam ^t Penhallow	a whole share	116
Mark Hunking	Do	138
Geo Jaffrey	Do	122
Shad ^d Walton	Do	123
Rich ^d Wiberd	Do	137
Thos Westbrook	Do	131
Thos Packor	Do	11
Arch Macphedry	Do	128

Rochester Schedule being part of the Charter and contains one hundred & twenty five whole shares to be proportioned as herein expressed amongst the two hundred and fifty three Proprietors herein mentioned.

Certified

By Rich^d Waldron Clerk Con

Whereas most of the inhabitants of Dover with sundry other persons have lately petitioned his Excellency the Gov^r and the Hon^{ble} the Council for a Township to be bounded on the Head line of sd Dover and whereas it hath pleased the sd Gov^r & Council to incorporate the greatest part of the sd petitioners with sundry other persons into a body political and granted them a Town by the name of Rochester with several conditions and limitations there unto annexed as in the Charter is Express.

There are therefore to give publick notice to the Proprietors and Commoners of the sd Town of Rochester that they assemble themselves together at the Meeting house in Cochees upon the second Monday which will be the ninth day of July next at nine a clock before noon then and there to consider, debate and resolve such matters and things as are or shall be necessary for the performance of the conditions of the sd Charter and whatever else may promote the interest of the sd Town of Rochester.

Richard Waldron
Thomas Tibbets
Benj^m Wentworth
John Knight

At a Publick Meeting of the Proprietors and Commoners of the Town of Rochester according to the above notification held the ninth day of July 1722

Voted that Col^d Richard Waldron be the Moderator for the present meeting.

Voted that Paul Gerrish be the Town and Proprietors clerk till another be chosen and sworn: and the sd Gerrish was forthwith sworn accordingly.

Voted that there be a committee forth with Chosen to run the bounds and lay out the lots of the sd Town according to the Charter and that they be allowed five shillings pr day each for their services.

4th Voted that the sd committee consist of seven persons (viz)

1st Col^d James Davis 2nd Richard Waldron
Capt Francis Mathes Capt Tim^d Gerrish
Capt Sam^l Tebbetts Capt John Knight and
Capt Benj^m Wentworth who are (after they have laid out and run the bounds of the sd Town according to the Charter) to survey the land within the sd Town and pitch upon the most commodious part of the sd Town to be laid out in lots with proper roads and streets and also a suitable Train-field and the houses required to be built by the sd Charter shall be erected in the sd lots for to be laid out by the respective own-

ers of the sd lots and when the sd committee shall have completed their work they are hereby empowered to give Publick Notice to the Commoners to meet at time and place as they shall appoint to draw their several lots and pay the committee's charge for the service they have done.

5th Voted that the Town Clerk procure a book consisting of three quires of paper bound up in parch^t at the charge of the Commoners to record all the minutes and Votes of the Proprietors meetings in

These are to notify all concerned that whereas sundry of the proprietors of the Town of Rochester to the number of 84 persons have made application to the Subscribers to appoint a Gen^l Meeting of sd Proprietors to chuse a committee to run out the bounds of sd Town and also to consult of proper Methods and Means to forward to settlement there of the sd meeting is appointed to be held the meeting house in Cochees on Monday the 24th Inst^d two a clock in the afternoon.

Geo Jaffrey / J.C.
R. Willard

April 18th 1727

At a Public meeting of the Proprietors and Commoners of the Town of Rochester according to the above notification held the twenty fourth of April 1727.

1 Voted that Capt Stephen Jones be the Moderator for the present meeting.

2 Voted that Paul Gerrish be the Town and Proprietors Clerk till another be chosen and sworn & the sd Gerrish was forthwith sworn accordingly.

3 Voted that Mr Henry Tebbetts Mr Jethro Bickford & Mr Jonathan Chesley be a committee to run the head line of Rochester and to be paid ten shillings pr day each for there services by the commoners of sd Town and the sd committee is empowered to hire three men to assist them at seven shillings pr day each.

4 Voted that Capt Francis Mather, Capt John Knight and Paul Gerrish be the Selectmen for the Town of Rochester until there be chosen and sworn in their "runne".

5 Voted that the Selectmen wait on the former committee & desire them to go and lay out the home lots according to the former vote and also that they have five shillings pr day each "aded" to their wages.

6 Voted that Capt Paul Wentworth be a

committee man in the "runne" of Capt Ben^l Wentworth deceased to joyn with the former Committee.

To the Proprietors of the Town Rochester there are to give notice of a proprietors to be held at the meeting to be held at the meeting house at Cohees on Monday the twenty fifth day of this ins^t September by two of the clock in the afternoon for to choice of five meet persons for a committee to bound out the land in lots according to the report of the first committee and what further may be thought proper to act at the above sd meeting and all persons concerned are likewise desired to give their attendance at time & place accordingly.

Dated in Newington 15th of Septem^r 1727

Francis Mather

John Knight

Paul Gerrish

Selectmen

At a public meeting of the Proprietors and Commoners of the Town of Rochester according to the above notification held at the meeting house at Cohees the twenty fifth day of September 1727.

Voted that Col James Davis be the Moderator of the present meeting.

Voted that the Selectmen be directed to notifie a proprietors meeting this day

fortnight to consider and resolve on means to preserve the timber in the sd Town.

3 Voted that the report of the first committee should be void and of none effect.

4 Voted that Capt Robert Evers be the surveyor to lay out one hundred & twenty five sixty acres lots, sixty rods wide and a hundred and sixty rods long to begin at Salmon Falls river or Dover line to Barrington line: all the rivers to be reserved and twenty acres of land to Every Hall suitable for Mill or Mills and that he lay out suitable roads through every range of lots and where the land may not be suitable for settlement it be left out and the sd Evers is to make a plot of the same and when so done then to go and show the Proprietors their lots accordingly and the sd Evers is to be paid fifteen shillings pr day for his services.

5 Voted Lt Col James Davis & Mr Eleaser Colman be a committee to join with the above sd Evers to survey the land and to say what is suitable to be laid out in the home lots and what is not and have ten shillings pr day each for their service and they are also empowered to hire three men as cheap as they can to carry the "chain" and to

spot the trees and the proprietors to pay them.

These are to notify all concerned that a meeting of the proprietors of the Town of Rochester will be held on Monday the ninth of October next at ten a clock in the forenoon at the meeting house in Cochees to consult and make such votes as will be thought proper to prevent the destruction of timber in sd Town and also to agree upon raising a sum of money on the Proprietors defraying the Town Charges and to choose suitable persons to collect the same
Dated at Newington 29th September 1727

Francis Mathes

Paul Gerrish

John Knight

Selectmen

At a Publick Meeting of the Proprietors and Commoners of the Town of Rochester according to the above notification held at the meeting house at Cochees the ninth day of October 1727

1 Voted that Capt Francis Mathes be the Moderator of the present Meeting.

2 Voted that for the future neither Proprietor or any other person or persons shall cut down or "hall" away from sd Town & proprietors of Rochester any

timber, tree or trees standing, lying or being on the land not yet divided until the sd be divided on the penalty of paying for every such offence as the directs.

3 Voted that the Selectmen raise money what they think proper to defray the charges in the sd Town of Rochester upon the Proprietors.

4 Voted that Sam^l Nute, Joseph Ginkings, Jethro Bickford and Joseph Twombly be Constables until others be chosen and sworn in their "rooms".

5 Voted that Capt Sam^l Tabbetts, Lt Joseph Jones & Mr John Downing be Commissioners to examine the Selectmen's Acts.

These are to notify all concerned that a meeting of the proprietors of the Town of Rochester will be held on Wednesday the thirteenth of December next at ten of the clock in the forenoon at the meeting house in Cochees to draw their home lots & also to bring their money for to defray the charge hitherto the whole Shire men to bring or lend twenty shillings a piece the lesser proprietors in proportion and in case of default to expect to be voted out according to the charter & also to choose a committee to prosecute Tres-

passers on y^e above sd Town.

Dated at Dover the 27th of November 1727

James Davis Just. Peace

Paul Gerrish

John Knight

Francis Mathes

Selectmen of
Rochester

Dover December 13th 1727

At a Publick meeting held at Cochees Meeting house by y^e Proprietors of the Town of Rochester according to y^e above notification

Voted that Col^l Davis be Moderator of the present meeting.

Voted that Nicholas Harford be "Clark" for said day.

Voted that a man be chosen to draw all the lots for the Town of Rochester

Voted that y^e Reverend Mr James Pike draw said lots.

Voted that a committee be chosen to prosecute any person that doth trespass in any part of y^e Town of Rochester Voted that Mr Clement Hughes and Mr Joseph Jones do serve as a committee for y^e above sd purpose.

The above sd meeting is adjourned till tomorrow and to meet at Oyster river Meeting house at ten of y^e clock in the forenoon.

At a meeting of y^e proprietors of y^e Town of Rochester held by adjournment

at y^e meeting house in Oyster river
December 4th 1727.

Clement Hughes was chosen clerk pro tempore
and sworn.

William Thomas Wallingford entered his
dissent against paying any y^e charge
that was contracted about laying out the
lots at Rochester before y^e account of y^e
charge is brought.

There are to give notice unto all that
are concerned as Proprietors of the Town
of Rochester in New Hampshire to meet
at y^e meeting house in Dover on Tuesday
y^e eighteenth day of y^e moth June at ten^o
of the clock in the forenoon at y^e new
meeting house at Coches in order to choose
all Town officers as the law directs Also
at y^e request of ten of the proprietors of
said Town of Rochester we do insert here
as further to be then voted acted & done viz
To consider what is further to be acted
& done about the draught of the lots or
shares of land in said Town of Rochester
either to confirm them or to proceed again
as the proprietors shall be meet and also
that a house for y^e defence of said land
be built at the charge of the proprietors
and also to consider something of building
a Saw mill or letting out the privilege
of so doing for the benefit of sd Town
Dated in Portsmouth June the 7th 1728

Paul Gerrish } Selectmen
John Knight }

June 7th 1728

At a publick meeting of the
proprietors of the Town of Rochester held
at the meeting house at Coches accord-
ing to y^e above notification

1st Voted that Capt Francis Mathes be y^e
Moderator for the present meeting.

2nd Voted that Paul Gerrish be the Town
Clerk until another be chosen & sworn
in his room and the sd Gerrish was
forthwith sworn accordingly.

3rd Voted that Capt Francis Mathes
John Knight } Selectmen
Paul Gerrish }

4th Voted that Abraham Clarke
Benjamin Fort } Constables
James Nutter }

5th Voted that Capt Sam^l Tibbets
St Joseph Jones } Commission-
ers.
Mr John Downing }

6th Voted that Mr Clement Hughes, St Jo-
seph Jones, Mr John Downing Mr Thos
Wallingford be agents for the Town of
Rochester to prosecute any person or per-
sons that shall trespass upon the un-
divided lands of said Town.

7th Voted that all the votes and the drafts
of the lots of land drawn at a meeting

of the proprietors which was held the thirteenth and fourteenth days of December 1727 be now confirmed.

To the proprietors of the Town of Rochester
 These are to give notice of a proprietary meeting to be held at the meeting house at Cochees on Monday the sixth day of January next ensuing by ten a clock in the forenoon to see whether the proprietors will be free to pass a vote to prosecute any person or persons that have or shall cut any tree or trees upon any man's or men's lots or shares of land that is already divided without leave from the owner or owners and in case any law suit should arise that each proprietor pay his equal proportion of all necessary charge thereby arising and all persons concerned are likewise desired to give their attendance at time & place accordingly. Dated in Dover y^e 26th day of December 1728

Francis Mathes

John Knight

Paul Gerrish

Selectmen

At a meeting of the proprietors of town of Rochester held at the meeting house at Cochees the sixth day of January 1728,
 Voted that Capt Francis Mathes be Moderator of the present meeting

Voted that the proprietors of the Town of Rochester do defray the charges if any person or persons that shall cut any tree or trees upon any man's lot or shares of land already divided if any law suit should arise & that each man pay his equal proportion of the charge thence arising.

At a Publick meeting of the proprietors of the Town of Rochester held May y^e 12 1729 at y^e meeting house at Cochees.

- 1 Voted that Lt Col James Davis be Moderator of y^e present meeting.
- 2 Voted that Paul Gerrish be Town Clerk till another be chosen & sworn in his room.
- 3 Voted that Capt Francis Mathes, Capt John Knight & Paul Gerrish be Selectmen.
- 4 Voted that Capt Sam^l Tabbetts & Joseph Jones Mr John Downing be Commissioners.
- 5 Voted that Mr Ephraim Wentworth & Mr Eleazar Colman be Assessors.
- 6 Voted that James Clarke Benⁿ Hanson & John Hodgdon be Constables.
- 7 Voted that Paul Gerrish may have the liberty to change his lot which is the hundred and twenty fifth lot for one of the lots called bad land and the said Gerrish has taken in exchange the eightieth lot which was left as bad land and also voted that

Joseph Jennings jun^r may have liberty to exchange his 100th viz, the hundred & twenty fourth which he purchased of Moses Davis, James Hucksins & Samuel Williams for a lot called road land and said Jennings has taken in exchange the second lot which was left for road land.

At a meeting of the proprietors of the Town of Rochester legally warned and held according to notification at the meeting house in Dover the twentieth day of April 1730

Voted Theodore Atkinson Esq

Moderator

Voted 2nd Paul Gervish Esq Proprietors Clerk

Voted 3rd Mr John Downing, Paul Gervish Esq & Joseph Jones Selectmen.

Voted 4th Benjⁿ Tabbetts & Haveril Nutter

Constables

5th Tim^s Roberts, Joseph Richards & John Truckey, Surveyors.

6th That to John Wingis Mr John Truckey Mr John Bedford be empowered as a committee to prosecute any person that shall any way trespass on the commons or undivided lands within the Township of Rochester and that the proprietors of sd land shall pay the charges of such prosecution & that they may have power of substituting one or more attorneys under

them at the charge of the Proprietors aforesd.

7th Voted that there be two hundred & forty acres of land laid out to each whole share in sd Town as a second division that Capt Robert Evans, Mr James Nute, Mr John Truckey, Capt Francis Mathews & Mr John Downing be appointed as a committee to lay out the said land in the manner following: Viz:

1st Each man's lot or second division is to lay all together in one body or place.

Secondly To be laid out in ranges and the first range to begin upon the head of the home lots or first division.

3rd The sd committee is to leave such land as they shall think not fit to settle by or between any of the sd divisions or ranges as a common for the use of sd proprietors until their further order.

4th To leave land for highways & roads where it shall be thought convenient.

5th To make allowances for rivers & ponds where any shall happen to be laid out in any lot.

6th That each of the committee be allowed ten shillings per day for the

time they shall spend in the woods for their service abovesd, and to agree with a surveyor & chainman to "perfect" the laying out the said lands Voted 7th That there be a meeting house built in the said Town at the charge of the proprietors & of the following "dimentions" (Viz, 40 feet long 35 feet wide & 15 feet stud to be well brained & inclosed &c.

That Capt Saml Tabbetts Paul Gerrish Esq; Mr John Winger & Mr Joseph Jones be a committee to agree with any person or persons to build & "perfect" the same.

8th That the sd committee be impow-ered to farm out all or as many of the mill streams in sd Town as they shall think best for the benefit of the sd Town to any person that doth first oblige themselves to build a mill or mills upon the same as soon as can be done provided also that the sd committee shall not let them for more than twelve years from this date.

9th That the Selectmen raise & collect from the Proprietor of each whole share the sum of three pounds & that they make out their warrant accordingly & the money as fast as it shall be gath-

ered be paid as it becomes due to the several committees to defray the charges of the meeting house & laying out the second division.

At a meeting of the proprietors of the Town of Rochester holden in Dover July the 8th 1730 Then Voted that Capt Thomas Millet be Moderator for the present meeting.

At a meeting of y^e proprietors of Town of Rochester legally warned & holden in Dover December y^e 14th 1730

1st Voted Capt Thomas Millet be Moderator for y^e present meeting.

2nd Voted that there be a Treasurer chosen to receive y^e money which is to be paid in by y^e proprietors to defray the charges of building a Meeting House and laying out a second division (Viz) Three pounds for a whole share & so in proportion for each man's right and y^e Treasurer not to pay out any of said money without order from the Selectmen.

3rd Voted that Capt Thomas Millet be y^e Treasurer to receive as abovesd.

At y^e same meeting y^e proprietors drew their lots in y^e second division and that lot in number which each

proprietor drew is affixed to his name
as followeth viz:

Joseph Jenks	120	John Bickford	104
H John Ham	124	Gershom Wentworth	123
Thos Drew of y Bay	114	Capt Tim Gerrish	113
Capt Stephen Jones	58	James Durgin	46
For y use of y	106	Richard Cussy	51
Grammar School		St John Vinger	52
Col John Wentworth	125	James Conner	57
William Furber	3	Col James Davis	54
John Hall	85	Ephraim Wentworth	34
John Bussey	53	Eli Demerritt	71
Sam ^d Willey	66	Hatevil Nutter	33
Thomas Roberts	30	Moses Davis Jr	17
Capt John Knight	110	Clement Hughes	76
Ebenezer Tuttle	103	St Joseph Jones	41
Ens Israel Hodgdon	119	Joseph Ricker	122
Capt Benj Wentworth	70	Benj Bickford	116
Dac ^r Gershom Wentworth	87	Rich ^d Wilbird Esq	90
Thos Young	5	To y first ordained	
Job Clements	73	Gospel Minister	39
Col Shadrach Walton	69	Nath ^d Rendal	22
Capt John Downing	48	Capt Francis Mathes	99
George Walton	109	Salathiel Denbo	82
John Willy	75	James Nute	83
John Usher	97	John Twombly	42
Ens Gambling	35	Sam ^d Hayes	88
Joseph Stephenson	15	Ephraim Tebbetts	81
Capt Sam ^d Tebbetts	7	St John Smith	23
Capt Thos Tebbetts	49	Philip Chesley	31
Thos Heighton Sen ^r	43	Rich ^d Cinkham	55

Edward Evans	28	Benj ^d Mason	89
John Dove	77	Peter Cook	38
Col Thos Westbrook	60	Benj ^d Pierce	72
Nath ^d Perkins	13	Ens John Waldron	128
Will ^m Blackston	79	Nich ^d Follet	112
Col Mark Bunking	1	John Thompson	26
St Jonathan Woodman	66	John Dam, Sen ^r	10
Capt Paul Wentworth	74	Gershom Downs	100
Joseph Small	25	Will ^m Ellis (105)	62
Nich ^d Harford	29	Volantine Hill	9
Benj ^d Wentworth	118	Joseph Daniel	47
St Tristram Heard	18	Capt Paul Gerrish	98
James Bunker	115	Ebenezer Varney	16
Joseph Chesley	14	Thos ^d Anson	59
Parsonage	4	St Joseph Roberts	121
Henry Tebbetts	27	Will ^m Leathers	62
Col Rich ^d Waldron	21	Sam ^d Heard	107
John Hayes	80	Moses Davis	78
Rich ^d Waldron Jr	111	Sam ^d Ally	117
Tim ^d Robinson	24	Thos Packer Esq ^r	45
Sam ^d Downs	57	Archibald MacFarderis	12
John Bickford	96	Tobias Hanson	108
Joseph Kent	2	Nath ^d Lumas	95
Ebenezer Garland	63	Abraham Bennick	84
John Banapton	50	Morris Fowler	11
John Canals	94	John Muncey	64
John Becker	102	John Drew	68
John Trickey	91	John Williams	40
Daniel Horn	44	St Joseph Beard	56
Peter Varney	101	John Sias	8
John Burnham	36	James Hobbs	37

Sam^l Penhallow Esq^r 32 John Allen 19
 John Gray 6 Silvanus Rock 20
 George Fallay Esq^r 127 Gov^r Shute 93
 Sam^l Edgerly 20

Memorandum.

This is to certify that y^e sole privilege of y^e upper or first Falls on Cochem river at Squamonogonick in Rochester was this thirtieth day of March one thousand seven hundred & thirty two let out or leased by a Committee viz. Col Paul Gerrish, Capt Sam^l Tabbetts, Lt Joseph Jones & Lt John Wingett (which Committee was chosen by y^e Proprietors of Rochester aforesaid for y^e letting out y^e mill privileges in said Town) To Mr Tim^o Roberts of Rochester aforesaid his heirs, executors or administrators together with freshet stream & water courses at y^e sd falls and y^e upland adjacent which was allotted all owned by y^e said proprietors of Rochester for y^e privileges of y^e sd falls: for & during y^e full term of ten years next ensuing y^e date above mentioned & no longer & y^e sd Tim^o Roberts has bound and obliged himself, his heirs, executors & administrators to pay to the before mentioned committee, their heirs, executors or administrators for y^e aforesaid privilege y^e sum of seven pounds & five shillings

in good province Bills of Credit for y^e use of y^e sd proprietors of Rochester yearly until y^e sd term of ten years be expired. Y^e said Committee do covenant & agree with y^e aforesaid Tim^o Roberts that he, his heirs, exec^{rs} or admin^{rs} shall peaceably & quietly without lett or molestation enjoy y^e above mentioned privileges during y^e aforesaid term of ten years, he, his heirs, exec^{rs} or admin^{rs} paying y^e aforesaid sum of seven pounds & five shillings to y^e aforesaid Committee their heirs, exec^{rs} or admin^{rs} yearly during y^e aforesaid term of ten years. The leaves from whence these minutes were taken is lodged with y^e Reverend Mr Jonathan Cushing of Dover.

At a Publick meeting of y^e Proprietors of y^e Town of Rochester legally warned & holden on y^e 3^d day of April 1732
 1st Voted that Capt Stephen Jones be y^e moderator of y^e present meeting.
 2^{ndly} Voted that Paul Gerrish Esq^r be y^e Proprietors Clerk
 3^{rdly} Voted that there shall be a minister called & settled
 4th Voted that there be a committee of five men chosen to agree with a minister in order to his settlement & y^e y^e Selectmen raise money on y^e

proprietors for ye support of ye ministry & other charges.

5th Voted that ye Reverend Mr Joseph Adams, ye Reverend Mr James Pike, Paul Gerrish Esq^r John Downing, & Daniel Warner be ye committee to treat with a minister as abovesd.

6th Voted that Clem^t Dearing be clerk for ye Town of Rochester.

7 Voted that Timothy Roberts, Benj^a Foss, & John Bickford be ye Selectmen.

8 Voted that Solomon Clarke be Constable.

9 Voted that Paul Wentworth Esq^r be ye Proprietors Treasurer.

10 Voted that Capt Robert Evans, Capt Stephen Jones and Mr Tristram Coffin be Commissioners.

11 Voted that ye ten rod road that runs across ye Town be cleared fit for man & horse to pass & repass and that ye Selectmen raise money on ye proprietors to defray ye charges and also ye main roads through ye first division be cleared as abovesd.

12 Voted that John Tricker be ye overseer to see ye two main roads be cleared according to ye above Vote & ye he hire men to perfect ye same.

At a Publick meeting of ye Proprietors of ye Town of Rochester legally warned

& holden at ye meeting house in ye sd Town of Rochester on ye tenth day of July 1732.

1st Voted that ye Reverend Mr Joseph Adams be ye Moderator of ye present meeting.

2nd Voted that ye Proprietors of ye Town of Rochester with ye inhabitants of sd Town support a Gospel Minister in sd Town during ye term of seven years longer than was expressed in an act of ye Gen^l Court dated May 10th 1730 beginning at ye expiration of said act & so continuing till ye seven years be expired each one paying according to their interest.

At a Publick Meeting of ye Proprietors of ye Town of Rochester legally warned & holden at ye meeting house at Coches in Dover on Monday ye eleventh day of June 1733.

1st Voted that Capt Thos Millet be ye moderator of ye present meeting.

2nd Voted that Paul Gerrish Esq^r be ye Proprietors Clerk.

3rd Voted that Paul Wentworth Esq^r Capt Thos Millet & Lt John Winget be Selectmen.

4 Voted that John Bickford of Rochester Will^m Jenkins of Durham & Capt Dan^l

Warner of Portsmouth be Constables.
 5 Voted that y^e Rev^d Mr Jonathan
 Cushing Paul Gerrish Esq^r & y^e Rev^d Mr.
 Joseph Adams be a committee to pro-
 cure a minister to preach at Rochester
 & to supply that pulpit until some
 further steps are taken towards y^e
 settlement of a minister there.
 6 Voted that y^e Selectmen raise forty
 shillings upon every whole share & so
 in proportion on every proprietor to
 defray y^e charge of supporting a minis-
 ter & other Town Charges.

The following notifications left by
 Paul Gerrish Esq. the former Clerk in
 loose papers and not entered in the
 Proprietors Book which were delivered
 after his decease with this Book by
 Mr John Wood one of the Adminis-
 trators on said Gerrish's estate unto
 John Gage after he was elected Propri-
 etors Clerk which by the advice of the
 Proprietors Selectmen are by the sd
 John Gage here recorded.

To the Proprietors of the Town of Roches-
 ter. This is to give notice of a Propri-
 etors Meeting to be holden at the Meet-
 ing house at Cocheo in Dover on Mon-
 day the thirty first day of this instant

December in order to choose a Consta-
 ble and to consider some proper meth-
 od to preserve the timber on the
 Parsonage lot in the abovesaid Town
 of Rochester.

(1733 This taken from Coll^r Gerrish's loose
 papers).

By order of the Selectmen

Paul Gerrish Proprietors Clerk

Dover December 17th / 1733

Note the abovesaid meeting is to begin
 at one of the clock afternoon on said day.

Dover December 31st / 1733

At a meeting of the Propri^{es} of Rochester
 holden at the Meeting House at Cocheo
 in Dover to consider of some proper
 method to preserve the timber on
 the parsonage lot in Rochester
 from Coll^r Gerrish's { Voted that Capt Thomas Mil-
 let & Mr Job Clements be a
 loose papers) committee to take care of
 sd timber and to prosecute at y^e com-
 mon law if occasion shall be any
 persons that have or shall trespass
 upon the aforesd lot.

2 1742 That the aforesd committee be
 supplied wth money out of the Proprietors
 Treasury of sd Rochester to carry on any
 law suit in the aforesd affair if occas-
 ion shall be,

from Coll^y { That whereas there has been
Gerrish's { some timber lately cut upon
loose papers { the aforesd lot by trespass &
the sd committee be empowered to dis-
pose of sd timb^r that is already cut to
the best advantage and give a just acct
of y^r managem^t in y^e affair.

To the Proprietors of the Town of Rochester
This is to give notice of a Proprietors
Meeting to be holden at the Meeting
House at Cochees in Dover on Thursday
the second day of Sept^r next at one of
the clock in the afternoon

- 1 To choose Proprietors Officers.
- 2 To consider of some proper measures
to be taken with respect to the Mill
privileges in said Town.
- 3 To consider how the money now due
for the improvement of said privileges
shall be disposed of.
- 4 To hear the request of the Rev^d Mr
Amos Main of sd Rochester with respect
to selling or exchanging a piece of land
with said Proprietors. And to act or to do
any other thing or things as they shall
think proper.

Dover, Aug 19th 1742

Paul Gerrish

Prop^r Clerk

Sept^r 2 At a Proprietors Meeting held at
the Meeting House at Cochees in Dover
on Thursday the second day of Septem-
ber 1742:

1 John Gage be moderator for the pres-
ent meeting.

2^d P. G. be Proprietors Clerk.

from Coll ^y	3 rd John Gage	} Selectmen
Gerrish's	Joseph Adams	
loose papers	John Dickford	

P. W. Treasurer

(Several lines in the original, that are
illegible are omitted from this page)

- - - - - Cleaser Coleman be
a committee to view the piece of
common land which the Rev^d Mr
Main had - to procure of the Propri-
etors of said Rochester ^{to see whether} y^e sd Mr Main's
petition with respect to the said land
may be granted without damage to
the said Proprietors or to the Inhabitants
of sd Rochester & make report to the said
Proprietors at their next meeting by
adjournment

Then the meeting was jurn^d to the
first Monday in October next.
According to the jurnm^t the Prop^r
meet accordingly

1st Voted Paul Gerrish, John Bengil

Joseph Hanson Jr James Rogers John
Newington Committee do to let out the
Mell privileges in said Town & to let
out for the term of 2 years. The committee
to let out the same to the best ad-
vantage.

Resolved That a committee be cho-
sen to examine & settle all
the papers accounts relating to the Pro-
priety as such which are not as yet
settled & make report to the next Pro-
priety Meeting how the said account
or accounts stand and to receive for the
use of the sd Propriety all such debts
as are fully due from any person or per-
sons to the sd Propriety.

Joseph Hanson Jr
Will^m Chamberlin

James Rogers be the committee for the
above service.

The Rev^d Mr Amos Mayn request as in
the Notification was dismissed.

The foregoing pages 761, 762, 763 & 764 and
the above written page 765 contains
the six papers that I rec^d from Mr
John Wood one of the Administrators
on the Estate of Paul Gerrish Esq^r de-
ceased and were not recorded in sd
Gerrish his lifetime therefore recorded
by me with the advice and consent
of the Propriety Selectmen and care-

fully examined as attests
John Gage, Propriety Clerk

May 7 These are to notify the Propri-
etors of Rochester in the Province of
New Hampshire that Monday the
twenty eighth of this instant May
will be held a Meeting of said Propri-
etors at the Meeting house in Newing-
ton in the Province aforesaid at twelve
of the clock

1 To choose a clerk for said Propriety
2 To choose one or more meet person
or persons to make demand of, sue for
recover and receive any money that
is due from any person or persons to
said Propriety and also to pass a vote
for the appropriating of said money
for the use & benefit of sd Propriety
in building a Block house or houses for
the Safe Guard of the inhabitants of
said Rochester or otherwise as said
Propriety when convened together
shall think best

3 To take some care of those lots in said
Township which are called common
lots and likewise of the Nookes and
Gours.

4 To make choice of an Agent or Agents
to prosecute any person or persons
who have or shall cut sell or destroy

any trees or timber from any of the
abovesd lots or undivided lands in sd
township

5th To see if the Proprietors will dispose
of a small part of a common lot to
the Rev^d Mr Amos Main of Rochester
Viz^t of the land adjoining to sd Main's
homestead & lastly to consider & vote
what use the Mill Rents in sd
Rochester shall be appropriated for the
future And the Proprietors of sd Roches-
ter are desired to give their attendance
at time & place abovesd

Dated at Dover May 7, 1774.

Joseph Adams

John Gage

John Pickford

Selectmen

A Meeting At a Proprietors Meeting of
held at New- the Proprietors of the Town
ington May of Rochester held at the Meet-
28/74 ing House in Newington on
Monday May 28/74 according to the
above Notification

- 1st Voted that the Rev^d Mr Joseph Adams
be Moderator for the present meeting
- 2^d Voted that John Gage be the Propriet-
ors Clerk until another shall be chosen
& sworn in his room and the said Gage
was forthwith sworn accordingly.
- 3^d Voted that John Gage and Mr James
Rogers were chosen Agents to sue any per-

son or persons for any money that
is due to said Proprietors

& Voted that all the money now due
to sd Proprietors for the Mill Rents is
given unto the inhabitants of Roches-
ter for the use hereafter mentioned
Viz^t to be equally divided amongst
five Block-houses or forts that is to say
three to be built on the great road
that leads to Norway Plain one at Squam-
megonnick upper Mill and one on
the road by Newichewannick or Salmon
falls river near the W^d Tebbets or as
His Excellency shall otherwise order and
that Coll^l Thomas Wallingford, John
Gage & Mr James Rogers be a Committee
to lay out the above money for the
building the Block houses or forts as
above Voted to the best advantage
likewise sd Committee are empowered
to let out to the inhabitants any of
the common lands during this present
war.

5th Voted that Coll^l Thomas Wallingford
Capt Timothy Roberts & Mr John Dolan-
ing the third were chosen agents to
prosecute sue & recover to a final judg-
ment from any person or persons that
have already or shall hereafter cut, fell,
or carry off any tree or trees from any
of the common or undivided lands

within the Township of Rochester.
 Voted Given and Granted to the Rev^d
 Mr Amos Main his heirs and as-
 signs forever a small piece of a com-
 mon lot belonging to said Propriety
 adjoining to the said Mains home-
 stead that he bought of Isaac Russell
 that is to say six acres of said lot next
 adjacent to the said lands that Mr
 Main purchased of Isaac Russell not
 in bringing on a private cart way that
 was heretofore used to haul boards from
 Squannamegonnick nor incroaching
 on the burying place. provided the
 said Mr Main dont in his own default
 leave the Ministry in the said Roches-
 ter which if he do then said land to
 return to the Propriety

And lastly Voted that all the Mill
 Rents for the future is given for the
 support of the Gospel Ministry in the
 Town of Rochester forever Equally to be
 divided among them if ever there
 should be more than one settled
 among them in this Town.

To the Proprietors of the Township of
 Rochester

Gentlemen &c. Pursuant to a Petition
 directed to us the Selectmen of Rochester
 signed by no less than thirty of the

Proprietors of Rochester abroad request-
 ing of us the calling of a Proprietors
 Meeting for sundry reasons and that
 in a little time. These are to notice
 the Proprietors of Rochester abroad that
 Thursday the third day of October next
 ensuing the date heretofore will be held
 a Meeting of the Proprietors of said
 Rochester at the Meeting house at New-
 ington & at ten of the clock before noon
 in order to obtain an account from
 the Committee appointed to receive the
 Mill Rents and the Proprietors are de-
 sired to explain the Votes that have been
 formerly past respecting sd rents that
 they may be justly appropriated. Also
 to receive a report of the committee
 appointed to take care of the timber on
 the undivided lands belonging to
 said Propriety and to consult and agree
 upon some further measures for the
 more effectual preservation of sd tim-
 ber while it remains in common. More-
 over to consider and determine wheth-
 er it may be necessary to appoint a
 committee to survey and mark the
 head line of said Township: and to
 divide into shares the remains of the
 undivided lands in sd Township or
 otherwise as the Proprietors shall think
 fit. Also if it should be thought proper

to exchange the Parsonage lot (that lies on the Neck so called) for a common lot that lies by the Meeting House. Also to determine any line or lines to accommodate the roads in said Township; where any lots interfere with the proposed roads marked out in the plan of said Township and to exchange any common lands or otherwise to agree with any person or persons concerned in order to the making any road or roads in the Town that in the judgment of the Proprietors shall be thought necessary for the Inhabitants of said Town And to choose a Committee for said purpose; and for the Proprietors to see whether they can't agree to ascertain the Points of the Compass that the lots were generally run upon both in the first & second divisions & to have them list in the plan or plans not in order to a New Survey (Torn out of old book) but to present any difficulty & debates between one Proprietor and (Torn out of old book) Inhabitant and another where the marks by neglect are lost or (Torn out of old book) and likewise since the Meeting House in said Rochester is in (Torn out of old book) repair & it will be no small charges to the inhabitants to put it in (Torn out of old book) To see whether any of the non resident

Proprietors desire the (Torn out of old book) of a Pew in said meeting house and so in that way to assist (Torn out of old book) said house also to choose any Proprietors Officer or Officers and to consider & and transact any other affair that may be for the profit and advantage of the community.

Dated Newington Sept^r 19th

Anno Domini 1751

Joseph Adams

John Gage

John Bickford

} Selectmen

At a Proprietors Meeting holden according to the before written Notification at Newington on Thursday October 3rd 1751.

Voted that Thomas Millet Esq^r be Moderator for the Proprietors Meeting and after some debate it was put to vote where the Meeting should be adjourned accordingly it was Voted that the Meeting should be adjourned to the Meeting House at Coheco in Dover on Monday the 14th of this instant October at ten of the clock before noon

At a Proprietors Meeting held according to adjournment at the Meeting House at Coheco in Dover on Monday the 14th

day of October 1751.

2 The Committee that was chosen to dispose of the money for the live forts or Block-Houses made report how far they had proceeded

3 Unanimously Voted that all the lands in sd Town of Rochester above y^e second division shall be equally divided among the Proprietors according to their several shares and interests

4 Voted that the article in the Notification for exchanging the Parsonage lot be dismissed

5 Voted that Messrs John Bickford & James Rogers be a committee to go and view the bad roads in Rochester and make report to this Meeting on their next adjournment

6 And the points of Compass to run the lots by was continued.

7 Voted that the article about fitting up the Meeting House be dismissed.

8 Voted that this Meeting be adjourned until Monday next the 2nd of this instant October at ten of the clock in the forenoon at y^e Meeting House at Coches in Dover

At a Proprietors Meeting held by adjournment at the Meeting House at Coches in Dover on Monday the 2nd of October 1751-9th It was Voted that the points of Com-

pass mentioned in the Notification for ascertaining the course of the lots in y^e Town of Rochester be dismissed.

10th Voted and Given and Granted to John Highton & his heirs four rods of land lying on the north west side of his homestead lot in Rochester for three rods of land on the south east side of sd lot provided the said John Highton give a Quit Claim deed for the said three rods of land to the Proprietors

11th Voted that Messrs Walter Bryant, John Bickford & John Highton be a committee to lay out all the lands belonging to the Proprietors in the Town of Rochester above the second division and that the said Committee is empowered to hire able bodied men to assist them in laying out the said land the whole charge thereof to be paid by the Proprietors. The land to be laid out as soon as it can conveniently be done and to follow such orders in laying out said land as the Proprietors shall order by their Committee

12 Voted that Thomas Millet Esq^r the Rev^d Mr Jonathan Cushing Capt John Winget & Capt John Wentworth & John Gage be a committee to give instructions and directions to the committee

the names of the Proprietors.

4th Voted Mr John Downing draw the lots or numbers & refused to act

5th Voted Capt Joseph Hanson to draw the lots in the room of Mr Downing.

6th Voted John Wentworth Treasurer.

7th Voted that each whole share proprietor pay fifty shillings old ten^r & so other proprietors in proportion towards defraying the charge of laying out the third division: and then proceeded & drew the lots of those proprietors that appeared to pay their proportion of the charge which are as followeth Viz

Names	No	Names	No
Daniel Horn	10	Col James Davis	82
Peter Varney	49	Enl John Waldron	116
Capt John Downing	58	John Highton	3
John Ricker	124	Joseph Small	18
Samuel Willey	24	Tim ^r Robinson	61
Orcha ^d MacPhedris	7	Lt John Ham	77
John Hayes	25	Philip Chesley	26
Nath ^l Lumas	98	Joseph Daniels	80
Richard Wibird	113	Capt Paul Gervish	15
Nath ^l Perkins	93	Benj ^a Mason	64
Wm Blackstone	5	Lt Joseph Beard	128
Nicholas Harford	17	Sam ^l Alley	72
Benj ^a Pierce	67	Jonathan Woodman	118
First ordan ^r minister	54	Richard Pinkham	52
Parsonage	105	Lt John Smith	103
Thos Westbrook	117	John Tomson	128

Tobias Hanson	No 66	Enl Israel Hodgdon	No 28
John Williams	69	Clement Hughes	30
John Wingett	45	Ephraim Tebbetts	19
John Allen	57	Thomas Roberts	13
Valentine Hill	100	Wm Ellis	60
Joseph Ricker	37	For use of Grammar	
James Bunker	8	School	48
James Nute	11	Capt Paul Wentworth	104
Silvanus Nock	55	Joseph Stevenson	68
John Burnum	1	Benj ^a Bickford	97
Rich ^d Hussey	91	Sam ^l Penhallow	83
John Bickford	40	John Hall	12
Joseph Jones	92	Henry Tebbetts	43
Eben ^r Tuttle	23	Edward Evans	90
Nath ^l Gandle	36	Thos Hanson	87
Job Clements	62	Sam ^l Edgerly	39
Nicholas Follet	2	John Bussey	96
Sam ^l Hayes	81	Hatevil Nutter	123
Sam ^l Heard	94	John Dam Sen ^r	88
William Furber	81	Capt Thos Tebbetts	38
Eli Demeritt	34	Sam ^l Downs	33
Capt Benj ^a Wentworth	127	Capt Stephen Jones	53
James Durgin	71	Eben ^r Varney	9
Capt John Knight	109	John Gray	50
George Walton	42	Benj ^a Gambling	99
Ephraim Wentworth	115	Lt Tristram Heard	162
8 Voted this Meeting be adjourned to the first Monday in October next being the first day of said month at ten of the clock in the forenoon at the meeting house at Cohasset.			

October 1st 1753 met according to adjournment.

The Reverend Mr James Pike not being present.

Voted Mr John Horn Jr draw the names of those proprietors that appear to pay their proportion of the charge which are as followeth: Viz:

Names	No	Names	No
George Jaffrey	44	John Bickford Sen ^r	122
William Heathers	4 th	Gov ^r Wentworth	27
Mark Hunking	114	John Munsey	106
James Conner	41	John Gunelds	21
James Hobbs	47	John Willey	84
Shadrach Walton	75		

After which the Moderator declared this meeting dissolved.

A Notification for a Proprietors Meeting
Province of / Notice is hereby given
New Hampshire to the Proprietors of the
township of Rochester in said province
to meet at the meeting house at Coche-
co in Dover on Tuesday the second
day of July next at two of the clock in
the afternoon then and there in said
meeting to see if the proprietors will
vote the lots that are not draw in
the third division in said township
forbited & dispose of them agreeable to
the Charter, unless the owners of said

lots shall appear at said meeting &
draw the same & pay their proportion
of the charge of laying out said division
2^d To choose an agent or agents to prose-
cute any person or persons that have
taken up or impowered any of those
lots in said Township that was left
for bad land or to act otherwise with
respect to those lots as the proprietors
shall think proper: also to see if the
proprietors will by a vote establish
all former votes and plans relating
to said township and to transact
any other affair that may be thought
proper to be done at said meeting
By order of the Selectmen

John Wentworth Prop^rs Clerk
Somersworth 22nd May 1754.

Dover August 1st 1754 Met according to adjournment.

Then proceeded to draw the lots of sun-
dry of the proprietors which appeared to
pay their proportion of the charge of lay-
ing out the third division, which are
as followeth Viz:

	No		no
Thos Drew of Bay	31	John Drew	14
Governour Shute	121	Capt Tim ^r Gerrish	11
John Gantum	74	Delathial Denbow	56
John Trickey	65	Capt Francis Mathes	63
Abraham Bennick	107	Peter Cook	102

Richard Waldron	no	De ^m Gershom Wentworth	no
Maurice Fowler	95	Thos Packer	73
Moses Davis	70	Eben ^r Garland	6
Col ^d Rich ^d Waldron	85	John Usher	86
John Twombly	32	John Sias	46
Joseph Kent	126	Gershom Downs	79
Capt Sam ^l Tebbetts	112	Thomas Young	129

4 Voted that no agents be chosen at this meeting.

5th Voted that paragraph in the notification respecting the proprietors establishing all former votes & plans by a vote be dismissed nemine contra dicente. After which the Moderator declared this meeting dissolved.

A Notification for Proprietors Meeting
To the Proprietors of Rochester a Town
of the Province of New Hampshire.

Gentlemen You are hereby notified that on Monday the 29th instant Sept^m at 10 clock A.M. at the meeting house in said Rochester a meeting of said Proprietors is to be held for hearing a request of sundry persons proposing to purchase the lot No 25 in the first division in said Town also for choosing a committee or committees, for the following purposes Viz:

To examine the Treasurer's accou^t & settle the same, to sell the lots not

drawn in the third division or part thereof for defraying the charge of making said division, to examine into & sue for any trespasses done on the common land, to make division of the common land, to survey & mark the head line of said Town, to determine the bounds of any lot not sufficiently ascertained, & to choose any officer or officers that may be wanting in said Propriety, all the above articles to be acted on as the Proprietors convened shall think proper.

Somersworth 9th Sept^r 1760

By order of the Selectmen
Jm^s Wentworth, Prop^r Clerk.

At a Proprietors meeting held at the Meeting House in Rochester on Monday the 29th Sept^r 1760, agreeable to the above Notification.

1 Voted Matthew Livermore Esq^r Moderator of this meeting.
Messrs James Place & Jm^s Plumer, yeomen & William Allen Gen^l all of Rochester appearing at the meeting aforesaid & offering to give the sum of fifty pounds old ten^r for the lot No 25 mentioned in the first article in the Notification forsd meeting, therefore voted that the same be sold to them for said sum.

for the use of said Proprietors the said lot to be conveyed to them for the use of the ministry in the first Parish in said Rochester forever, the same to be conveyed to them by such persons as shall be appointed to make such conveyance.

Mr Aaron Tabbetts enters his dissent against the above Vote

3rd Voted Major Rich^d Downing, Mr Charles Baker & Capt Jm^s Wentworth be a committee to make a deed of the lot No 25 to the persons that purchased the same for the use mentioned in the 2nd Vote in this meeting.

4th Voted Major Rich^d Downing & Mr Charles Baker be a committee to examine the Treasurer's account & settle the same.

5th Voted those persons that have not drawn their lots in the third division have a longer time of two months to draw they paying all charges that have arisen or may arise thereon & the clerk is hereby directed to draw the same & that the sale of said lots be deferred till then.

6th Voted Lt Jm^s Beckford Mr Jm^s Plummer, & Capt Jm^s Wentworth or the major part of them be a committee to examine into & see for any trespass or trespasses that have been done on the common

lands in said Town.

7th Voted that this meeting be adjourned to the first Tuesday of Nov^r next to be held at the dwelling house of Capt Jm^s Gage Jm^s knholder in Dover at ten of the clock A. M.

Province of New Hampshire } At a meeting of the Proprietors of Rochester in the Province of New Hampshire at the dwelling house of Mr John Gage Jm^s knholder in Dover in said Province on the first Tuesday in November 1768 being the fourth day of said month by adjournment, Capt John Wentworth Clerk of the Proprietors aforesaid being sick and unable to attend this meeting.

1st Voted that Mr Charles Baker be Clerk of the Proprietors aforesaid. Pro Tempore Mr Charles Baker made oath faithfully to execute the office of Clerk aforesaid according to law according to his best skill & understanding before Matthew Livermore Justice Peace sworn at the same meeting.

2nd Voted Mr William Allin & Mr Joshua Winget & Mr John Plummer be a committee to divide the common lands in the Town of Rochester that they have power to employ two persons as ax men to assist them that they be allowed twenty shillings each pr

day except the surveyor who shall have thirty shillings p'day - that they present a plan thereof in one hundred & twenty six whole shares & that they be numbered & drawn for as the third division lots were & that the whole charge of said work be proportioned to each share & by the Proprietors paid at the time when the Proprietors shall order the drawing thereof.

3^d Voted that the same said William Allen, Joshua Wingett, & John Plumer, survey and mark the head line of said Town that they be allowed the same wages & the same power to employ ax men as in the vote next above & that they present a plan of said line with the monuments thereof to the Proprietors when they present a plan of the lots they are empowered to lay out.

4th Voted that the Selectmen of the Town of Rochester for the time being be a committee to determine the bounds of any lots in the Town of Rochester not already sufficiently ascertained until such time as the Proprietors aforesd shall otherwise order the person or persons applying to have the same done paying the said committee for the doing thereof.

5th Voted that John Knight Jr Esq, Capt

Richard Waldron, & Capt J^r Wentworth be the Selectmen of the Proprietors aforesaid.

6th Voted that the Selectmen of the Proprietors aforesaid for the time being or the major part of them be a committee for the calling of Proprietors' Meetings for the future until it shall be otherwise ordered by the Proprietors aforesaid upon application being made to the said committee by seven whole share Proprietors or equal to seven whole share Proprietors for the calling a Proprietors meeting.

The above votes passed at the meeting aforesaid. Attest

Matthew Livermore

Moderator

The Proprietors aforesaid after passing the aforesd votes, voted that this meeting be dissolved & accordingly it was dissolved.

Matthew Livermore, Moderator

The above votes that were passed at the Proprietors meeting held at Mr John Gages an adjournment on the first Tuesday in Nov^r 1768 were delivered me by Mr Charles Baker, Clerk Pro Tempore.

J^r Wentworth, Proprietors Clerk.
Agreeable to a vote passed by the Proprietors empowering the Clerk to draw

the lots in the third division that have not as yet been draw for those Proprietors who shall appear and draw their proportion of the charge of laying out the same said vote passed in Sept 1753. The persons that have drawn are as follows: Joseph Jenks ^{No} 51
 Lt Joseph Roberts 76 Jn^r Doe 101

Drawn 16 Nov^r 1761
 Mores Davis Jun^r ^{No} 110 Benj^a Wentworth ^{No} 22
 Joseph Chesley 29

A Notification

Province of New Hampshire To the Proprietors of Rochester a Town in the Province of New Hampshire

Gentlemen, you are hereby notified that on Monday the 16th day of November next at ten of the clock A. M. at the house of Mr Ephraim Hanson Inholder in Dover in said Province a meeting of said Proprietors is to be held for the following purposes Viz: to know if the Proprietors will reconsider a vote pass at their last meeting, respecting the division of the common lands in said Town and Vote that said lands shall be divided according to quantity and quality and to hear the request of the Reverend Mr Samuel Hill to know if the Proprietors will give

or sell him part of the common land lying near the meeting house also to choose a committee to compound with or prosecute any person or persons that have any common land within fence, and to empower some suitable person or persons to receive the money due for mill-rent or to sue for and recover the same, and apply it agreeable to a former vote of said Proprietors. Also to choose a committee to sell part of sundry lots in the third division in said Town, the owners not appearing to pay their proportion of the charge of making said division, the original Proprietors are as follows Viz Joseph Chesley and others, Mores Davis Jun^r and others Benj^a Wentworth, and Shadrach Walton also to hear the request of sundry persons to know if the Proprietors will have a highway from the main road to Guppy's Mill so called. All the above articles to be acted on as the Proprietors convened shall think proper.

Pr order of the Committee
 Somersworth October 31st 1761.
 John Wentworth, Proprietors Clerk.

At a meeting of the Proprietors of the Town of Rochester met at the house

of Mr Ephraim Hanson on Monday the 15th day of November agreeable to the above Notification.

First Voted John Knight Jun^r Esq^r Moderator of the present meeting.

Secondly Voted that the vote referred to in the Notification respecting dividing the common land being the second vote in the last meeting on adjournment be reconsidered.

Third Voted said lands be divided according to quantity and quality and that the committee mentioned in the above Vote referred to bring in a plan accordingly.

Fifthly Voted there shall be a committee chosen to compound with or prosecute any person or persons that have any Common lands within fence and further voted that Messrs Joshua Winget John Plumer and William Allen or the major part of them be the committee for said service.

Sixth Voted that Messrs Daniel Winget, James Knowles and Lieut Macfee be a committee to receive the money due for mill rent and pay the same agreeable to the Vote referred to in the above Notification.

Seventh^{ly} Voted that the choice of a committee to sell the lots not drawn in

the third division be deferred for two months and that the Clerk be directed to draw for any that shall appear to pay their proportion of the charge of making sd division.

fourth^{ly} Voted Given & granted to the Reveren^d Mr Samuel Hill six acres of the common land near the meeting house on the west side of the way now leading to Squanbegonack mill to him, his heirs and assigns forever to be measured out by a committee appointed for that purpose and further voted that Messrs Joshua Winget Jn^r Plumer and William Allen be a committee for that purpose and make return thereof to the next meeting. Meeting dissolved.

A Notification 1762.

Province of The Proprietors of the New Hampshire Township of Rochester in said Province are hereby notified to meet at the house of Mr Ephraim Hanson Inholder in Dover on Monday the 20th day of December next at ten of clock A.M. to receive the report of the committee chose the last meeting to perambulate the head line of said Town and to know if the Proprietors will receive the plan of the fourth division made by said committee.

and to draw the same. Also to see if the Proprietors will vote to raise money to pay the charge for the above service or any other done for said Proprietors and to receive the report of a committee formerly chosen to settle accounts with the Treasurer of said Proprietors: also to hear the request of sundry persons proposing to change land left for a highway to Guppy's mill (so called) and to receive the report of sundry committees chosen at the last meeting. Also to employ some suitable person or persons to take a copy of the plans of the first and second division in said Town for the use of said Proprietors.

Somersworth Nov^r 29th 1762

By order Jm^o Wentworth Prop^{rs} Clerk.

At a meeting of the Prop^{rs} of the Town of Rochester held at the house of Ephraim Hanson in Dover on Monday the 20th day of Dec^r 1762 agreeable to the above Notification

- 1 Voted John Knight Jw^r Esq^r be Moderator of this present meeting
- 2 Voted the report of the committee for surveying & marking the head line of said Town be rec^d.
- 3 Voted the plan of the fourth division in sd Town be accepted & rec^d by

said Prop^{rs}.

4th Voted the accou^{ts} of the above committee for surveying & making 4th division amounting to 528 old ten^{ts} be allowed & paid by the Prop^{rs}.

5th Voted that the Prop^{rs} present draw their lots paying five pounds two shillings old ten^{ts} down & other Proprietors shall have liberty to have theirs drawn by the Clerk any time within forty days from this time paying the like sum each whole share & such Prop^{rs} as shall neglect till the expiration of sd forty days the Clerk shall proceed against their interest so lying in common as the law in that case directs.

6th Voted Mr John Horn draw the numbers or lots of those Prop^{rs} who shall appear to pay the charge as above which are as follows. Viz:

Names		No
Arch ^d McPhedris	116	Eben ^r Garland 50
Joseph Chesley	16	John Busell 64
John Bicker	51	Tristram Heard 91
Edward Evans	28	Valentine Hill 122
First ordained minister	109	John Reynolds 83
Peter Varney	114	Eli Demeritt 2
Sam ^l Edgerly	90	Eben ^r Varney 69
Sheriff Ben ^d Gambling	67	Rich ^d Wilder 63
St Joseph Beard	88	St Joseph Jones 86
Elph ^m Tebbetts	49	John Rickford Sen ^r 33
Capt Paul Gerrish	60	Capt Stephen Jones 46

Nath ^l Gandle	113	Gershom Downs	72
Sam ^l Alley	124	John Munsey	95
John Wingate	40	James Bunker	57
James Neile	24	John Dam Sen ^r	56
Daniel Horn	123	Benj ^a Peirce	71
Capt Thos Tebbetts	10	Rich ^d Pinkham	35
Thos Young	41	Moses Davis	87
Grammar School	29	Enstatevil Nutter	100
Capt Sam ^l Tebbetts	111	John Twombly	25
Benj ^a Pickford	93	Col ^l Richard Waldron	95
John Waldron	48	Lt Jm ^s Smith	21
Parsonage lot	58	Thos Highton Sen ^r	56
Col James Davis	54	Rich ^d Waldron Jun ^r	112
Joseph Jenks	75	Nath ^l Lomas	77
John Williams	70	Henry Tebbetts	26
L ^t Joseph Roberts	108	Eben ^e Tuttle	80
Capt John Knight	39	Tobias Hanson	125
Capt Benj ^a Wentworth	5	Eph ^m Wentworth	45
John Doe	1	John Burnham	52
John Hall	115	Wm Furber	12
Thos Hanson	73	Sam ^l Hayes	81
John Usher	107	Rich ^d Hussey	30
John Hayes	110	Lt Jm ^s Ham	32
Peter Cook	102	Job Clements	118

The above being drawn as entered to the number of seventy.

7 Voted the meeting be adjourned to the second Monday of Feb^{ry} next at ten of the clock A.M. then to meet at Eph^m Hanson's in Dover & the clerk is directed to notify the same in the New Hamp-

shire Gazette.

Somersworth Dec^r 21st 1762

lots drawn by the Clerk agreeable to

Names	no	names	no
John Allen	98	Tim ^o Robinson	104
Joseph Pickers	18	Thos Drew of Bay	17
James Hobbs	97	De ^r Gershom Wentworth	38
Joseph Daniels	101	John Bantum	84
Capt John Downing	55	Wm Leathers	108
James Durgan	15	Thos Westbrook	47
Joseph Kent Sen ^r	60	Wm Blackstone	74
Philip Chesley	103	Lt Jm ^s Woodman	89
George Walton	44	Sam ^l Willey	8
Joseph Stevenson	117	Nich ^o Follet	94
Clement Hughes	20	Gershom Wentworth Jr	23
Wm Ellis	53	Capt Saul Wentworth	105
Capt Francis Mathes	79	James Conner	85
Jno Willie	19	Thos Roberts	76
Maurice Fowler	121	Benj ^a Wentworth	43
John Thompson	34	Joseph Small	5
Abram Benick	62	John Gray	61
John Lias	92	John Drew	27
Leathial Denbow	120	Sam ^l Penhallow	4
Sill ^o Nock	82	Sam ^l Downs	99
Nich ^o Harford	65	Lt Governor Wentworth	22
Nath ^l Perkins	42	Mark Hunking	31
Moses Davis	7	Sam ^l Heard	119
John Pickford	37	Benj ^a Mason	78
Shadrach Walton	9	Gov ^r Shute	11
Ensrail Hodgdon	38	Capt Tim ^o Gerrish	13
Thos Packer	3	George Jaffrey	14

John Trickey & others 59
 Monday Feb⁴ 1763 this being the day
 the Prop^{rs} meeting was adjourned to
 a number of the Prop^{rs} being present
 but it being bad traveling & the mod-
 erator not present its that best this
 meeting be dissolved & a new one called
 as soon may be.

Proprietors Meeting Notification

September 20th 1763.

Province of New Hampshire Notice is hereby given
 to the Proprietors of the
 Town of Rochester in said Province
 that a meeting of said Proprietors to
 be held at the house of Ephraim Han-
 son Inholder at Dover in said Province
 on Wednesday the 12th day of Oct^r next
 at ten of the clock A.M then & there
 to Vote on the following articles

1st To choose a Moderator

2nd To receive the report of a committee
 chosen to collect the mill rents in
 said Town & to pass any votes that may
 be effectual relative to collecting the same

3rd Where there has not been a suffic-
 ient provision made to pay the com-
 mittee for making the 4th division &
 other common services as the Treas-
 urer Clerk &c. Therefore to Vote the 12th
 in the fourth division together with
 the mill privilege at the floom so

called to the Clerk, he paying all
 said arrears & Liding the Prop^{rs} from
 any demand on account of his servi-
 ces as clerk & treasurer for the time
 past & also for time to come so long as
 they shall please to continue him
 in said offices and also at his own
 charge cause authentick drafts to be
 made of all the divisions of said Town
 for the use of said Proprietors.

4th Whereas it may not be the mind
 of the Proprietors to dispose of the 12th
 lot & privilege above mentioned in
 manner aforesaid then to sell the
 same at said meeting in severalty
 to the highest bidder at Public Vendue
 the moderator to be Vendue master to
 pay the charge of sd & any other the
 Prop^{rs} shall order also to hear the re-
 quest of sundry persons proposing to
 change land for that which was left
 for a highway to Guppy's Mill (so called)
 all the above articles to be acted on
 as the Prop^{rs} convened shall think
 proper. By order of the Committee

John Wentworth Prop^{rs} Clerk
 Somersworth, September 20th 1763.

At a Meeting of the Proprietors of
 the Town of Rochester held at the
 house of Eph^m Hanson in Dover on

Wednesday the 12th day of October 1743
 agreeable to the foregoing notification
 1st Voted Col^d J^m Gage Esq^r Moderator
 2^d Whereas the committee for improv-
 ing the mill rents due to the Propriety
 which was granted for building Block
 houses in sd Town in the year 1744
 have not collected & apportioned the
 same - Therefore voted that said com-
 mittee deliver the leases of said mills
 to the Selectmen of Rochester for the
 time being who hereby have all the
 powers of the Proprietors of said Town to
 collect the same for the use of said
 Town as they shall order at any legal
 meeting thereof

3 Voted the 12th lot in the 4th division
 be given to the Clerk in full for his ser-
 vices as clerk & treasurer to this day.

4th Voted the Privilege at the floom
 (so called) be sold at Public Vendue
 at this meeting.

5th Voted that the land at the foot
 of the lots above the ten rod road
 adjoining to Salmon Falls River be
 given to the several persons that own
 said lots provided they "purch" a road
 of 3 rods wide on the westerly side of
 said lots adjoining to the westerly
 side of the lot now in the possession of
 Moses Robert originally granted to

Joseph Jenkins.

6th Agreeable to the fourth Vote the
 privilege at the fume is set up
 agreeable to notification according-
 ly was struck off to Mr Sam^l Ham
 for 460 £ old ten^{ts}

7th Voted that the Treasurer pay all
 arrears due from said Propriety
 out of the sale of the privilege to-
 gether with the expence of this Ven-
 due & procure copies of all the divisions
 of the Propriety to be made by the
 same scale & lodged with their records
 for their use.

8th Voted that the balance of what
 money shall remain in said Treas-
 urer's hands after paying the above
 arrears & copies shall still remain
 there till called for & disposed of by
 the Proprietors as they at any legal
 meeting shall order.

After passing the foregoing Vote by
 the desire of the Proprietors the mod-
 erator declared this meeting dissolved.

State of New Hampshire / To John Wentworth of
 Strafford Esq^r one of the Jus-
 tices of the peace for the
 County aforesaid and sole administra-
 tor of the estate of John Wentworth
 Esq^r deceased late clerk of the proprietors

of Rochester.

The records & papers belonging to said office having since the decease of the Clerk remained in your custody without legal authority for laying them open to public inspection and a further continuance of that inconvenience appearing to be detrimental to the interest of the proprietors.

The Subscribers therefore owners of more than one sixteenth part of the Town of Rochester request you to call a meeting of the Proprietors thereof to be held at Stephen Wentworths Ldholder in Rochester on Monday the 28th day of June 1784 at noon for the purposes following (Viz)

1st To choose a moderator for said meeting
2nd To take into consideration the situation of said Records and papers and by vote to authorize the Town Clerk of said Rochester for the time being to take the same into his Custody or place them in such other hands as may appear most eligible.

3rd To do and transfer all other matters respecting the same as to the said meeting may be adjudged expedient

May 6th 1784

John McDuffee Jabez Dame
John Plummer Richard Place

Benjamin Adams Barnabas Palmer
Jonathan Dame Aaron Wingate
Thomas W. Waldron Richard Downing
Stephen Evans John Waldron
Moses Roberts John Gage.

Stratford S.S. Dover May 10th 1784

To Mr Jonathan Dame one of the proprietors of Rochester.

In pursuance of the above application you are hereby requested to give due notice to the proprietors aforesaid to assemble at time and place and for the purposes aforesaid by causing the same to be published in the New Hampshire Gazette three weeks successively.

John Wentworth Justice Peace.

State of New Hampshire { At a meeting of the proprietors of Rochester hold-
Stratford S.S. on at the house of Mr
Stephen Wentworth in said Town on
Monday the 28th day of June Anno
Domini 1784

1st Voted that John Wentworth Esq^r be moderator of said meeting.

2nd Voted that the Town Clerk of Rochester that now is, be and hereby is fully authorized and empowered to take into his custody and safe keeping

all records plans and papers belonging to the Proprietors of said Rochester - and that the said now Town Clerk be and hereby is appointed as Clerk to said Proprietors - and that the office of said Proprietors Clerk be and hereby is vested in the said now Town Clerk of Rochester and his Successors as Town Clerk forever.

3rd Voted that the said Proprietors Clerk be and hereby is directed as soon as may be to call on the administrator of the estate of the late Clerk for the records plans and papers in his custody and that he give duplicate receipts therefor - one of which he shall have recorded in the Proprietors Records and in the Town Book of said Rochester and also in the office of the Recorder of Deeds for the County of Strafford.

4th Voted that this meeting be dissolved and the same is hereby dissolved accordingly.

Attest John Wentworth
Moderator

Recorded By Josiah Main,
Proprietors Clerk.

Then Josiah Main appearing took the oath of Proprietors Clerk.
Before John Wentworth Jus^{ts} Peace.
Rochester June 28th 1784

Received Septem^r 28th 1785 of Mr Wentworth administrator of the estate of John Wentworth Esq^r dec^d late Clerk of the Proprietors of Rochester the records & plans & papers of said proprietors as follows: viz:

A Record Book containing forty four pages fill^d and one hundred & fifty eight blank pages with two at the latter end of the Book partly filled - the original Charter, the original plans, together with attested copies of the same & fifty five loose papers containing notifications, accounts and receipts.

Josiah Main, Proprietors Clerk.

The Prop^{rs} of Rochester to Jno Wentworth
 1753 To paid Capt Husk for printing one notice
 caption for meeting
 To pd Walter Bryant for making
 3^d division 66-
 To paid Jno Bickford for d^o 38-14-0
 Jno Haighton for d^o 128-6-0 159-
 To pd Joshua Wingate 12-19-6, Nath^l
 Varney 19^c for d^o 31-19-6 31-19-6
 To pd Capt Husk advertisement on
 adjournment 2--
 To pd the committee that was chosen
 to give Bryant instructions 20--
 To pd Mr Daniel Fowle for printing
 2 Notifications 9--
 1762 To Paid the Committee their ac-
 count for making the 4th division 628--
 To paid Mr Fowle for writing noti-
 fication 8--
 To my services as Clerk & Treasurer
 to the first of October 1763 50--
 1763 To pd Mr Fowle for printing Noti-
 fication for meeting 9--
 To pd Ephraim Hanson the expense
 of Vendue for vote of Prop^{rs} 30--
 To pd Mr Fowle for advertising sun-
 dry lots 9--
 To pd Mr Fowle for notifying meet-
 ing & adjourning 72--
 To Cash pd John Haighton in 1754
 in making 3^d division 62-18-
 To pd for drawing the plan anew

per order of the Prop^{rs} and

Contra

1753 Aug^t By Cash Rec^d at sundry times
 for drawing lots in the third
 division @ 50 s 295--
 1762 By cash rec^d at sundry times
 for drawing lots in the fourth
 division @ 5-2-0 600-16-2
 1763 By cash raised by the sale
 of the flume partly in the
 hands of Mr Sam^l Ham 460--
 137 lot 127 in the fourth division
 given the Clerk for his services 50--
 134 Cash which was for the sale
 of the sixty acre lot sold to the
 Town of Rochester 50£ which is
 in the hands of Charles Baker 50--

Appendix

Page 28 insert the following after Art. 10.

11 Voted that there be raised in this Town to defray y^e charges of y^e Town for y^e ensuing year one hundred & fifty five pounds in money including y^e Proprietors Rates.

Page 136 After the 4th line add
 Eleazer Colman } Chosen Committee
 Jonathan Dam }

Page 164 After Art 13 insert the following
 Art 13 Voted to be raised in this Town for the support of the Gospel Ministry and other necessary charges requisite thereto as the Town shall think proper to dispose of two hundred and fifty pounds new tenor.

Page 579 After Art 6th insert the following
 Art 7 It was put to Vote to see if the Town will lay out a road from the Branch Bridge in Rochester on Wakefield Road to Palmer's Mill so called on the line of Shapleigh and voted in the affirmative.

On Page 592 in the 19th line after the words "of the" insert the following

"Town separate from the Ministerial tax of the."

Page 300 After Art 11 insert the following
 Art 12 - Moses Hammet

	Solomon Clark Jr	} Chosen Hog Con- stables or Beeths
	Joseph Thompson	
	Benjamin Plac y ^{3d}	
13 th	Daniel Wingate	} Chosen Fence Viewers
	Stephen Berry	
	George Willard	
	Capt Jonathan Ham	
	Samuel Haighton	

Page 758, 21st line after the word "holder" insert the following "at y^e meeting house in y^e sd Town of Rochester"

Page 780 After the Notification of the Proprietors Meeting, ending on the eighteenth line insert the following

At a Proprietors Meeting held at the meeting house at Cocheos in Dover on Tuesday the second day of July 1754 agreeable to the above Notification -
 Voted Capt Thos W. Waldron Moderator of this meeting.

2 Voted John Gage Esq, Prop^r Clerk pro tempore the clerk not being present
 3^d Voted this meeting be adjourned to

Thursday the first day of August next
to be held at this meeting house at ten
of the clock in the forenoon & that the
clerk notify each Town where the Pro-
priators live of said adjournment

Province New Dover Aug the 1st 1754
Hampshire Then John Gage Esq^r
made solemn oath that the minutes
made by him as clerk pro tempore at the
Prop^{rs} Meeting according to the notification
thereof was just true. Before me
Jos Hanson

Just Peace

Province Notice is hereby given to the
New Hampshire Proprietors of the Township of
Rochester that their meeting held at the meet-
ing house at Coches in Dover on Tuesday the
second day of this instant July stands ad-
journed till Thursday the first day of
Aug^t next at ten of the clock in the forenoon
at said meeting house & whereas it is proba-
ble that some affairs of consequence may
be transacted there it is desired that
all concerned give their attendance at
the time & place above mentioned
Somersworth 21st July 1754
John Wentworth Prop^{rs} Clerk.

NELSON H. TUNNICLIFF
ATTORNEY AND COUNSELLOR AT LAW

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CABLE ADDRESS "TUNNICLIFF NEW YORK"

June 6, 1919.

City Clerk,
Rochester, New Hampshire.

Dear Sir:

I wish to obtain a record of marriage of Thomas Bryant
or Sarah Jane,
and Sallie/Dame who were married at Rochester, June 30, 1808,
and also the record of marriage of Louisa Bryant to John Randall
October 5, 1834.

If you have such records, please let me have a copy,
together with your bill and I will remit.

Very truly yours,

Nelson H. Tunnichiff

CORRECTION

Rochester, N. H.

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Town Records

1722-1785

END